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Senate Bill 883 (as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Senator Bill Hardiman  
Committee: Judiciary

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act (RJA) to allow the addition of one judgeship in the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, which consists of Kent County and currently has nine judges. Under the bill, subject to Section 550 of the RJA, the 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit could have one additional judge effective January 1, 2007.

(Under Section 550, an additional circuit judgeship permitted by the RJA may not be authorized to be filled by election unless the county board of commissioners of each county in the circuit adopts a resolution approving the creation of that judgeship. The county clerk must file a copy of the resolution with the State Court Administrator by 4:00 p.m. of the 16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday preceding the August primary for the election to fill the additional judgeship.)

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Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Based on current judicial salaries, the bill would cost the State the following annual amounts for an additional judgeship in the 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit:

Costs to the State	Circuit Judge
Salary	\$139,919
Social Security	5,840
Medicare	2,029
Defined Contribution Retirement	9,794
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$157,582</b>

Local expenses would include the cost of benefits for the judge, support staff wages and benefits, and facility space.

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