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Senate Bill 728 (as introduced 2-2-16)
Sponsor: Senator Dave Robertson
Committee: Judiciary

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to eliminate one judgeship in the 51st judicial district. The 51st district consists of Waterford Township in Oakland County and currently has two judges.

MCL 600.8123

Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have a positive fiscal impact on the State and local units of government. According to the State Court Administrative Office, each district court judgeship has a cost to the State of \$157,303, which includes salary, retirement contributions up to 7%, and the employer share of FICA taxes (OASI and Medicare). The local court system pays for the remaining judgeship costs, including fringe benefits (health care and additional staff), facility costs, and overhead. The costs for local district courts differ by location, but to the extent that the court could reduce staff or equipment costs, it would realize savings.

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