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## BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 1047 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Senator Sean McCann  
Committee: Judiciary and Public Safety

**CONTENT**

The bill would amend Chapter 5 (Circuit Courts: Organization and Powers) of the Revised Judicature Act to do the following:

- Allow the 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, which consists of Kalamazoo County, to have one additional judge effective January 1, 2025, and to increase, from four to five, the number of judgeships.
- Specify that, if the judgeship were added to the 9<sup>th</sup> Judiciary Circuit, the initial term of office for the judgeship would be eight years.
- Allow the 48<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, which consists of Allegan County, to have one additional judge effective January 1, 2025, and to increase, from one to two, the number of judgeships.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have a no immediate fiscal impact on State or local government. The bill could have a negative fiscal impact on the State and local courts in the coming fiscal years if the county board of commissioners for Allegan and Kalamazoo Counties elected to add a circuit judge, which the bill would permit.

The bill would allow for an additional circuit court judge for Kalamazoo County and Allegan County, effective 2025. Each circuit court judgeship costs the State \$159,917 (as of fiscal year 2021-22). These costs include salary, retirement contributions, and employer-paid taxes. Additionally, local courts systems may pay for fringe benefits and overhead for judges. Those costs differ by location.

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