

N.C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Research
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 Approved By: Tom Covington | | | | Sponsor: Sen. Jim Johnson
 Short Title: Divide District Court District 19A

TYPE OF FISCAL IMPACT	COUNTY		FUNDS AFFECTED:		() Other:		
	State Gov't	Local Gov't	(x) General	() Highway	(x) Local		
			State Fiscal Impact		FY 90	FY 91	FY
No Fiscal Impact	()	()	State Total Req'ments		\$108,025	\$101,099	
			Receipts/Revenues		-	-	
Increase Expenditure	(x)	(x)	Net State Expend./Rev.		108,025	101,099	
			No. of Positions		4	4	
Decrease Expenditure	()	()					
			Local Fiscal Impact		FY	FY	FY
Increase Revenue	()	()	Local Total Req'ments		Some impact for office		
Decrease Revenue	()	()	Receipts/Revenues		space and furniture.		
			Net Local Expend./Rev.		Cost cannot be determined.		
No Estimate Avail.	()	()	No. of Positions				

Description of Legislation

- Summary of Legislation: This bill would divide District Court District 19A in the same manner as Superior Court District 19A.
- Effective Date: July 1, 1989
- Fund or Tax Affected: General Fund
- Principal Department/Program Affected: Judicial Department/District Court

Cost or Revenue Impact on State

FY	FY	FY
88-89	89-90	90-91

1. Non-Recurring Costs/Revenues

2. Recurring Costs/Revenues	-	108,025	101,099
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3. Fiscal/Revenue Assumptions

Cost/Revenue Impact on County or Local Government

	FY 88-89	FY 89-90	FY
1. Non-Recurring Costs/Revenues			
2. Recurring Costs/Revenues		Office space and furniture for the new positions are to be supplied by local government. The cost of this cannot be determined.	
3. Fiscal/Revenue Assumptions			

Sources of Data for Fiscal Note: Administrative Office of the Courts

Technical Considerations/Comments

The following data were utilized in developing the above-noted costs:

1. Splitting the present District Court District 19A (Cabarrus and Rowan Counties) into 19A (Cabarrus) and 19C (Rowan) will result in a decrease in travel expenditures of \$5,232 per year.

2. The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has included in its budget request for the 1989-91 biennium funds for ten secretarial positions for the ten Chief District Court Judges who do not presently have secretaries. In order to be consistent, it is recommended that, if the General Assembly funds this request, a new secretarial position for the Chief District Court Judge in Cabarrus would also need to be funded at a cost of \$22,029 for FY 1989-90 and \$20,593 for FY 1990-91.

3. A new Chief Court Counselor and a new secretary for Cabarrus will be needed at a cost of \$61,445 for FY 1989-90 and \$56,622 for FY 1990-91. Presently, the Chief Court Counselor for District Court District 19A also serves in the same capacity for District Court District 19B. The AOC does not believe that this person can appropriately supervise counselors in three districts which have higher than average caseloads.

4. One additional court counselor in Rowan County will need to be funded at \$29,783 for FY 1989-90 and \$29,116 for FY 1990-91.

Thus, the total maximum cost will be:

	1989-90	1990-91
Travel	\$(5,232)	\$(5,232)
(1) Secretary to Chief District Court Judge - Cabarrus	22,029	20,593
(1) Chief court Counselor - Cabarrus	40,013	36,626
(1) Secretary to Chief Court Counselor - Cabarrus	21,432	19,996
(1) Court Counselor - Rowan	29,783	29,116
	\$108,025	\$101,099

If the Secretary to the Chief District Court Judge in Cabarrus is not funded, the total cost will be \$85,996 in FY 89-90 and \$80,506 in FY 90-91.



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