

Fiscal Estimate - 2015 Session

Original
 Updated
 Corrected
 Supplemental

LRB Number 15-1267/1	Introduction Number AB-0265
Description Public financing of campaigns for the office of justice of the supreme court, making appropriations, and providing penalties	

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
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Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
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Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill would create a public financing mechanism for Supreme Court races. Funding would come from GPR, through a tax check-off system supplemented by GPR if needed. It would provide eligible candidates with \$100,000 for a primary election and \$300,000 for the Spring election. There are seven Supreme Court elections in a 10 year period. Based on recent history, we assume three candidates for each seat up for election. Further assuming that all candidates accept public financing, the cost for each race would be \$900,000.

Because of the fundraising requirements that would allow a candidate to become eligible to receive public financing, the Government Accountability Board will need to track each candidate's fundraising efforts. This will require approximately \$35,000 for IT contractors to make necessary changes to the Board's Campaign Finance Information System to track candidate fundraising as well as to accommodate public financing to be included as a source of reportable campaign receipts.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications