



State of Wisconsin  
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

LRB-0976/P2  
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DOA:.....Potts, BB0124 - Eliminate Judicial Council

**FOR 2017-2019 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

**AN ACT** ...; **relating to:** the budget.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**COURTS AND PROCEDURE**

**OTHER COURTS AND PROCEDURE**

This bill eliminates the Judicial Council and its appropriations. Under current law, the Judicial Council consists of 21 designated or appointed members, including a supreme court justice, one court of appeals judge, four circuit court judges, the chairpersons of the senate and assembly committees dealing with judicial affairs or their designees, and the attorney general or his or her designee. Current law empowers the council to investigate and report on matters including the following: 1) to advise the Supreme Court of changes to the rules of pleading, practice, and procedure that would simplify procedure and promote a speedy determination of litigation on its merits; 2) to study the organization, jurisdiction, and methods of administration and operation of all the courts in the state; and 3) to recommend to the legislature changes to the business of the courts that can only be accomplished through legislation.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

**SECTION 1.** 16.74 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.74 (2) (b) Contracts for purchases by the senate or assembly shall be signed by an individual designated by the organization committee of the house making the purchase. Contracts for other legislative branch purchases shall be signed by an individual designated by the joint committee on legislative organization. Contracts for purchases by the judicial commission ~~or judicial council~~ shall be signed by an individual designated by the commission ~~or council~~, respectively. Contracts for other judicial branch purchases shall be signed by an individual designated by the director of state courts.

**SECTION 2.** 20.670 of the statutes is repealed.

\*\*\*\*NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

**SECTION 3.** 20.923 (6) (d) of the statutes is repealed.

**SECTION 4.** 230.08 (2) (wh) of the statutes is repealed.

**SECTION 5.** 751.12 (5) of the statutes is repealed.

**SECTION 6.** 751.20 of the statutes is repealed.

**SECTION 7.** 758.13 of the statutes is repealed.

**SECTION 9142. Nonstatutory provisions; Supreme Court**

(1) JUDICIAL COUNCIL.

(a) *Assets and liabilities.* On the effective date of this paragraph, the assets and liabilities of the judicial council, as determined by the secretary of administration, become the assets and liabilities of the supreme court.

(b) *Tangible personal property.* On the effective date of this paragraph, all tangible personal property, including records, of the judicial council, as determined

by the secretary of administration, becomes the personal property of the supreme court.

(c) *Contracts.* All contracts entered into by the judicial council in effect on the effective date of this paragraph, as determined by the secretary of administration, remain in effect and are transferred to the supreme court. The supreme court shall carry out any obligations under those contracts unless modified or rescinded to the extent allowed under the contract.

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