

CIRCUIT COURTS

Budget Summary						FTE Position Summary				
Fund	2020-21 Adjusted Base	Governor		2021-23 Change Over Base Year Doubled		2020-21	Governor		2022-23 Over 2020-21	
		2021-22	2022-23	Amount	%		2021-22	2022-23	Number	%
GPR	\$107,362,800	\$105,406,400	\$106,509,800	-\$2,809,400	- 1.3%	527.00	535.00	543.00	16.00	3.0%
PR	232,700	232,700	232,700	0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
TOTAL	\$107,595,500	\$105,639,100	\$106,742,500	-\$2,809,400	- 1.3%	527.00	535.00	543.00	16.00	3.0%

Budget Change Items

1. STANDARD BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

GPR	-\$5,936,000
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Governor: Provide adjustments to the base totaling -\$2,968,000 annually in the 2021-23 biennium associated with full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits.

2. CIRCUIT COURT BRANCHES FUNDING AND POSITIONS

	Funding	Positions
GPR	\$3,126,600	16.00

Governor: Provide \$1,011,600 and 8.0 positions in 2021-22 and \$2,115,000 and 16.0 positions in 2022-23 for additional circuit court branches and to comply with the requirements of 2019 Act 184. Under 2019 Act 184, 12 circuit court branches may be added over a three-year period (four judges each in 2021, 2022, and 2023). The Act requires the Director of State Courts to request position authority and funding for eight circuit court branches in the 2021-23 biennial budget and for the remaining four circuit court branches in the 2023-25 biennial budget. Under the bill, position authority includes: (a) 4.0 judges and 4.0 circuit court reporters in 2021-22; and (b) an additional 4.0 judges and 4.0 circuit court reporters in 2022-23. Funding is provided for salaries, fringe benefits, and supplies and services.

Modify statutory language to specify the location of additional court branches in Calumet, Dunn, Jackson and Marathon counties beginning August 1, 2021. On March 9, 2020, the Director of State Courts identified these four counties to receive an additional branch. The other eight branch locations (effective in 2022 and 2023) have not yet been determined, but will similarly require statutory language changes to reflect the correct number of circuit court branches in each county.

[Bill Sections: 3020 thru 3023 and 9107(1)]