

CIRCUIT COURTS

Budget Summary							
Fund	2022-23 Base Year Doubled	2023-25 Governor	2023-25 Jt. Finance	Joint Finance Change to:			
				Governor		Base	
				Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
GPR	\$231,477,200	\$234,823,000	\$232,243,000	-\$2,580,000	- 1.1%	\$765,800	0.3%
PR	<u>465,400</u>	<u>465,400</u>	<u>465,400</u>	<u>0</u>	0.0	<u>0</u>	0.0
TOTAL	\$231,942,600	\$235,288,400	\$232,708,400	-\$2,580,000	- 1.1%	\$765,800	0.3%

FTE Position Summary					
Fund	2022-23 Base	2024-25 Governor	2024-25 Jt. Finance	Joint Finance Change to:	
				Governor	2022-23 Base
GPR	543.00	551.00	551.00	0.00	8.00
PR	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	543.00	551.00	551.00	0.00	8.00

Budget Change Items

1. STANDARD BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS [LFB Paper 105]

GPR	-\$2,378,600
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Governor/Joint Finance: Provide an adjustment to the base of -\$1,189,300 annually associated with full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits.

2. CIRCUIT COURT BRANCHES FUNDING AND POSITIONS [LFB Paper 106]

	Funding	Positions
GPR	\$2,303,600	8.00

Governor/Joint Finance: Provide \$1,107,000 in 2023-24, \$1,196,600 in 2024-25, and 8.0 positions annually for the last four new circuit court branches created under 2019 Act 184. In total, Act 184 created 12 circuit court branches over a three-year period (four judges each in 2021, 2022, and 2023), at the discretion of the Director of State Courts. Position authority includes 4.0 judges and 4.0 circuit court reporters annually (a judge and court reporter each in Clark, Manitowoc, Sawyer, and Wood counties).

Since judgeships are specifically identified in the statutes, modify statutory language to

update the number of judicial circuit court branches, by county, to reflect 2019 Act 184. Specifically, increase the statutory number of judicial circuit court branches in Adams, Eau Claire, Vilas, and Waushara counties (added and allocated by the Director of State Courts to begin operation on August 1, 2022), as well as Clark, Manitowoc, Sawyer, and Wood counties (added and allocated by the Director of State Courts to begin operation on August 1, 2023).

3. CIRCUIT COURT COST PAYMENTS

GPR	\$840,800
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Governor/Joint Finance: Provide \$402,100 in 2023-24 and \$438,700 in 2024-25 in the circuit court cost appropriation for additional support to counties. Under 2019 Act 184, the number of circuit court branches in Wisconsin will increase from 257 to 261 on August 1, 2023. Since the circuit court cost appropriation distributes funding based on the number of branches, increased funding is intended to maintain current per branch funding levels (approximately \$109,700 per branch) in the 2023-25 biennium.

4. DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDING DEVICES [LFB Paper 285]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
GPR	\$1,580,000	- \$1,580,000	\$0

Governor: Provide an increase of \$790,000 annually in sum sufficient expenditure authority in the circuit courts appropriation to support the installation of 100 additional digital audio recording devices and to provide for on-going maintenance and replacement of associated hardware and accessories. According to the Director of State Courts, increased digital audio recording equipment would allow the courts to: (a) continue to transition to digital, rather than stenographic, court reporters (the latter of which is becoming increasingly difficult to find and hire); and (b) improve courtroom function and increase flexibility by allowing court reporters to work remotely and to cover cases in different counties or on an emergency basis, as needed.

Joint Finance: Provision not included.

5. PRETRIAL RISK ASSESSMENT REIMBURSEMENT *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
GPR	\$1,000,000	- \$1,000,000	\$0

6. MODIFICATION OF CERTIFICATES OF QUALIFICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*