
FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 369 as introduced will increase the obligations of the several counties by an estimated minimum of \$1,050,000 in fiscal year 2019 and an estimated minimum of \$1,400,000 each year thereafter, assuming all probate judges that are currently in office choose to run for reelection and are reelected to office for the next term beginning in January 2019. This amount could increase or decrease dependent upon the number of new judges that are elected and the amount of bench experience accrued by the probate judges annually. Any increase in obligations to the several counties could be offset by removing the provision in current law that allows probate judges to receive \$.05 per name on the voter registration list of the county for preparing such list, dependent upon the number of counties claiming such payment and the number of lists the county provides. This amount is an estimated maximum of \$100,000 per election and could be shared or reimbursed by the state, depending on the type of election.

Additionally, this bill will increase the obligations of the State General Fund by an estimated \$391,000 in fiscal year 2019 and an estimated \$521,000 annually thereafter for the employer contributions to the Judicial Retirement Fund for such probate judges, as this amount is paid from the State General Fund. This is assuming all probate judges that are currently in office choose to run for reelection and are reelected to office for the next term beginning in January 2019. This amount could increase or decrease dependent upon the number of new judges elected, the salaries of such judges based on bench experience, and future employer contribution rates for such judges.
