



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **SB0284.01: Revise district court laws**

Primary Sponsor: **Greg Hertz**

Status: **As Introduced**

☐ Included in the Executive Budget

☐ Needs to be included in HB 2

☐ Significant Local Gov Impact

☒ Significant Long-Term Impacts

☐ Technical Concerns

☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

### FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029 Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenues</b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>General Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

### Description of fiscal impact

SB 284 would combine the 10th and 14th Judicial Districts after the incumbent's term is over in January 2031 or sooner if a vacancy occurs as well as add a Judge in the 13th District. No fiscal impact in the 2027 Biennium is anticipated.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions

##### Judiciary

1. SB 284 would combine the 10th and the 14th judicial districts when the incumbent's term has expired in January 2031 or sooner if a vacancy occurs in one of the districts.
2. SB 284 would also add a judge to the 13th judicial district in January 2031 or when a vacancy occurs.
3. The Judicial Branch does not expect a vacancy to occur before the terms of the current judges have expired in January 2031.
4. There is no fiscal impact to the Judicial Branch in the 2027 or 2029 Biennia.

##### Significant Long-Term Impacts

There likely would be some additional costs when the conversion between courts occur. The Judicial Branch does not anticipate any reduction of variable (court/case related) costs in the newly combined district as workload won't decrease. However, with the movement of the one judge to the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, the branch would likely see an increase in variable costs, because the district would have another judge taking cases. The variable costs that would increase as a result of more cases being heard include evaluations, jury trial costs, transcripts, etc..

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Sponsor's Initials

Date



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