



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: SB0041.01: Requiring substitution of district court judges by random selection

Primary Sponsor: Daniel Emrich

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</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures				
General Fund (01)	\$80,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenues				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact	<u>(\$80,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
General Fund Balance				

Description of fiscal impact

SB 41 requires random selection within geographic reasonableness for replacing a judge due to substitution, disqualification for cause, or recusal. The Judicial Branch will require one-time IT system costs.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Judiciary

1. Section 2 requires the Office of the Court Administrator (OCA) to establish a procedure for the random selection of subsequent district court judges for a district court in which the initial judge has been substituted, disqualified for cause, or recused. The random selection must ensure subsequent district court judges selected are reasonably close geographically to the judicial district of the original judge.
2. The OCA currently utilizes the FullCourt Enterprise (FCE) case management system to randomly assign judges within a judicial district.
3. OCA will use the existing FCE vendor to expand FCE to meet the random selection with geographical reasonableness requirements established in SB 41.
4. The FCE vendor estimates a one-time cost of \$80,000 to develop and implement the modifications necessary to meet the new substitution requirements.

Fiscal Analysis Table

Judiciary

	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029 Difference</u>
<u>Fiscal Impact</u>				
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Operating Expenses	\$80,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	\$80,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Funding of Expenditures</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$80,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of Expenditures	\$80,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Revenues</u>				
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$80,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Technical Concerns**Judiciary**

- SB 41 establishes an effective date of October 1, 2025, for the random selection process. The FCE vendor has indicated that the modifications may not be able to be completed by that date as projects for 2025 are already defined.

NO SPONSOR SIGNATURE

Sponsor's Initials_____
Date

2/25

Budget Director's Initials

2/22/2025

Date