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LB 727

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FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2010-11		FY 2011-12	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	See Below		See Below	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

This bill would change compensation for retired judges serving temporary duty. It allows the Supreme Court to provide additional compensation to a retired judge who agrees to serve a minimum number of temporary duty days annually.

This bill could have a General Fund impact depending on the additional compensation amount. This impact is not known at this time.

The Supreme Court states the following:

LB 727 authorizes an additional temporary duty stipend for retired judges that serve based on an amount to be determined by the Supreme Court. Authorization of this stipend does not have a fiscal impact however any use of the stipend would increase General Fund expenditures. Since no stipend amount is specified an expenditure increase cannot be determined.

Currently, retired judges that serve receive an amount per day based on the difference between their income, at retirement, and their income received from the judges' retirement program. Since judges' income levels vary, based on date of retirement, the amount of the daily rate also varies. However, based on current retired judges that serve, the daily rate is at least \$175/day.

Since the use of retired judges can be less expensive than creating additional judgeships, it may be that an increase in expenditures from use of this stipend may be more cost-effective in the long-term.

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SUPREME COURT: Since the bill does not establish the amount of the additional stipend and the number of retired judges who might qualify for it is unknown, there is no basis for determining a fiscal impact at this time.					