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Bill Number:	S. 0249	Introduced on January 10, 2023
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Subject:	JMSC Constitution	
Requestor:	Senate Judiciary	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This joint resolution proposes an amendment to Section 27, Article V of the State Constitution to specify the Governor, instead of the General Assembly, must appoint judges and justices from among the nominees of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission to fill a vacancy on these courts. The proposed amendment must be submitted to the qualified electors at the next general election.

This joint resolution is not expected to have an expenditure impact on the State Election Commission since we anticipate that any expenses associated with the additional responsibilities will be minimal and can be managed with existing staff and within existing appropriations. We will update this impact statement if the agency provides a different response.

This joint resolution is not expected to have an expenditure impact on the Office of the Governor since we anticipate that appointing judges and justices can be handled within the normal course of business. We will update this impact statement if the Office of the Governor provides a different response.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

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State Election Commission. Based on responses to similar legislation, we anticipate that any expenses associated with the additional responsibilities from this joint resolution will be minimal and can be managed with existing staff and within existing appropriations. Therefore, this resolution is not expected to have an expenditure impact on the State Election Commission. We will update this impact statement if the agency provides a different response.

Office of the Governor. We anticipate that the Office of the Governor will be able appoint judges and justices within the normal course of business. Therefore, this resolution is not expected to have an expenditure impact on the Office of the Governor. We will update this impact statement if we receive a different response.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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