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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	S. 0450	Introduced on January 25, 2023
Author:	Corbin	
Subject:	JMSC Reform	
Requestor:	Senate Judiciary	
RFA Analyst(s):	Miller	
Impact Date:	January 26, 2024	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill increases the membership of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission (JMSC) from ten to fifteen members, modifies procedural aspects of the commission, and specifies that members of the General Assembly may not serve as members.

This bill will have no expenditure impact for the House or Senate as both bodies anticipate being able to manage any change in expenditures due to this bill within existing appropriations. Additionally, we anticipate this bill will have no expenditure impact for the Governor's Office as the appointment of one member to the JMSC can be managed within existing appropriations. We will update this fiscal impact statement if the Governor's Office provides information to the contrary.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill increases the membership of the JMSC from ten to fifteen members. The commission will include two members from each of the seven congressional districts, appointed based on a weighted vote of the legislators who serve in the congressional district, and one member appointed by the Governor, among other changes made to the JMSC.

Currently, the ten members of the JMSC are as follows:

- five members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
- two members appointed by the President of the Senate; and
- three members appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Under this bill, no General Assembly member may serve on the commission. The bill is effective upon approval of the Governor, at which time all seats on the JMSC are declared vacant. New members must be appointed pursuant to specifications of this bill.

House of Representatives and Senate. This bill modifies number of members on the JMSC appointed by the legislature. The members will receive mileage at the federal rate, \$50 per diem, and \$42 subsistence. Both bodies anticipate being able to manage any change in expenditures

due to this bill within existing appropriations. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact for the House or Senate.

Governor's Office. This bill requires the Governor appoint one member to the JMISC. We anticipate that the Governor's Office can managed this appointment within existing appropriations. Therefore, we anticipate this bill will have no expenditure impact for the Governor's Office. We will update this fiscal impact statement if the Governor's Office provides information to the contrary.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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