

SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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S. 0477 Introduced on February 1, 2023 **Bill Number:**

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Subject: Judges, Retired Senate Judiciary Requestor:

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Impact Date: January 30, 2024

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill eliminates the option for retired justices and judges to continue judicial service. Currently, a retired judge or justice may continue his judicial service if he is vetted by the JMSC and appointed by the Chief Justice. This bill will result in fewer responsibilities for the Judicial Merit Selection Commission (JMSC), a commission appointed by the General Assembly.

This bill will have no expenditure impact for the House of Representatives (House) or the Senate, as the JMSC will reallocate any time saved to other tasks.

This bill will impact the workload of current judges and justices because retired judges and justices will no longer be permitted to serve. Judicial is reviewing this bill to determine the impact. As such, the fiscal impact is pending, contingent upon a response from Judicial.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on February 1, 2023 State Expenditure

This bill prohibits a retired justice or judge from engaging in continued judicial service following his retirement. Currently, a retired judge or justice may continue his judicial service if he is vetted by the JMSC and appointed by the Chief Justice.

House or Representatives and Senate. This bill will result in fewer responsibilities for the JMSC, a commission appointed by the General Assembly. However, the House and the Senate anticipate the JMSC will reallocate any time to other tasks. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact for the House and Senate.

Judicial. This bill will impact the workload of judges and justices. Judicial is reviewing this bill to determine the impact. As such, the fiscal impact is pending, contingent upon a response from Judicial.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

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