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Bill Number:	S. 0693	Introduced on March 29, 2023
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Subject:	Judicial Candidates	
Requestor:	Senate Judiciary	
RFA Analyst(s):	Miller	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill requires the Judicial Merit Selection Commission (JMSC) to submit judicial applications to the Governor, and the Governor will return only one applicant per judicial office to the JMSC. This return constitutes the required recommendation from the Governor for the judicial candidate. If the recommended candidate is not found qualified by the JMSC or voted into office by the General Assembly, then further nominations must be made in the same manner.

This bill will have no expenditure impact for the House of Representatives (House), and we anticipate this bill will have no expenditure impact for the Senate. The review of and voting for judicial candidates is within the normal course of business for the General Assembly. Additionally, we anticipate this bill will have no expenditure impact for the Governor's Office as the responsibility of considering and recommending judicial candidates can be managed within the normal course of business for the Governor's Office. We will update this fiscal impact statement if the Senate or the Governor's Office provides information to the contrary.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill requires the JMSC to submit judicial applications to the Governor, and the Governor will return only one applicant per judicial office to the JMSC. This return constitutes the required recommendation from the Governor for the judicial candidate. If the recommended candidate is not found qualified by the JMSC or voted into office by the General Assembly, then further nominations must be made in the same manner.

Currently, the JMSC reviews judicial candidates and submits the three best qualified candidates to the General Assembly, and the General Assembly elects the candidate to fill the judicial office.

House of Representatives and Senate. This bill requires the JMSC, whose members are appointed by the House and Senate, to review the judicial candidate who is recommended by the Governor, and the General Assembly to vote on the judicial candidate who is found qualified.

The review of judicial candidates and voting for judicial candidates is within the normal course of business for the General Assembly. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact for the House, and we anticipate this bill will have no expenditure impact for the Senate.

Governor's Office. This bill requires the Governor to consider all judicial candidates and recommend only one candidate per judicial office to the JMSC. We anticipate that these responsibilities can be managed within existing appropriations and, thereby, 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

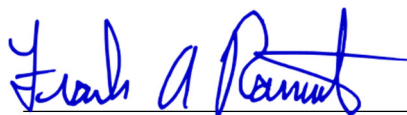
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Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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