

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislature

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| <b>Bill No.:</b>       | <b>SB632</b>   |
| <b>Version:</b>        | <b>ENGR</b>  |
| <b>Request Number:</b> |  |
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| <b>Impact:</b>         | <b>AOC: \$2,000,000 minimum,<br/>additional leasing costs expected</b> |

**Research Analysis**

Pending

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The Engrossed version of SB632 creates the business court division within the District Courts of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). Officials with the AOC have provided the following cost analysis of the measure:

The following costs do not include real property costs to house the Business Courts, as such costs are undeterminable until the locations are selected or specified within the measure. Purchasing, leasing, and/or remodeling costs cannot be calculated pending further legislative instruction.

|   | Total Cost          |
|---|---------------------|
| Business Court District Judges  | \$ 677,760          |
| Law Clerks  | 825,156             |
| Court Reporters   | 230,712             |
| Secretary Bailiffs  | 155,752             |
| Computers, software, misc. expenses for start up, benefit increases, etc. | 110,620             |
|   | <b>\$ 2,000,000</b> |

Therefore, in its current form, this measure is anticipated to have a total cost of at least \$2,000,000 to the AOC, as well as unknown additional costs for building/leasing. The AOC would seek additional funding to defray these costs.

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**Other Considerations**

None.

