

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2026 Legislative Session

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Identifier: SJR013-OOG-DOE-01-15-26
Title: APPOINTMENT OF STATE JUDGES
Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
Requester: (S) STATE AFFAIRS
Department: Office of the Governor
Appropriation: Elections
Allocation: Elections
OMB Component Number: 21

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2027 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2027 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2027	FY 2027					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0						

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0						

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2026) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2027) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No

(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No

If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Updated from SLA2025 to SLA2026 fiscal note template.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This resolution proposes amendments to the Constitution of Alaska regarding the appointment of state judges by the governor. Under the proposed amendment, the governor would appoint supreme court justices and superior court judges from among individuals determined by the judicial council to meet the necessary qualifications, removing the previous requirement of selecting from two or more nominated candidates.

Passage of this resolution would require a constitutional amendment to appear on the 2026 general election ballot. The cost of providing information about the constitutional amendment in the official election pamphlet as required by AS 15.58 would be minimal and could be absorbed within the operating budget of the Division of Elections. Therefore, a zero fiscal note is being submitted.