

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2015 Legislative Session

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Identifier: SJR003-JUD-AJC-2-13-15
 Title: CONST. AM: MEMBERSHIP OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL
 Sponsor: KELLY
 Requester: State Affairs

Department: Judiciary
 Appropriation: Judicial Council
 Allocation: Judicial Council
 OMB Component Number: 771

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2016 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2016 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel			11.0	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.7
Services			2.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Commodities			1.1					
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	14.6	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.7

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund			14.6	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.7
Total	0.0	0.0	14.6	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.7

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2016) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)
 (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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:

Initial version.

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Agency:	Alaska Judicial Council		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

SJR3 proposes a constitutional amendment to increase the membership of the Alaska Judicial Council from seven to ten members. If SJR3 becomes law during this legislative session, the proposal to amend the constitution would be put to the voters on the November 2016 ballot. If the voters approve the amendment, the change would become law during FY2017.

The law would increase costs for AJC members to travel for meetings to nominate applicants for state judgeships. Travel costs would increase for two reasons: (1) a larger number of Council members will need to travel, and (2) the larger number of Council members would cause meetings to last longer, thus incurring additional meal and lodging expenses. The travel amount in this note is based on an historical average of our Council member meeting travel costs. The travel costs will be slightly lower in FY17 than in subsequent years because the new Council members would not be appointed until partway through the 2017 fiscal year.

The three new Council members will need electronic devices for storing and viewing meeting materials. This commodity cost is a one-time expenditure. The Council will incur additional postage and other service expenses, including training expenses of approximately 1.5, to support the new members.

The impact of this change on staff time and conference room/meeting space is not able to be determined at this time.