

FISCAL NOTE
 Second Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. HCS for S.B. 670
 Title: Number of Superior Court Judges
 Requested by: Legislative Finance Date: _____
 Return Date Requested: _____
 Agency: Alaska Court System Program: _____

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: Alaska Court System

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		95.9	95.9	95.9	95.9	95.9
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL		2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
400 COMMODITIES		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
500 EQUIPMENT		37.0				
600 LAND & STRUCTURES		52.0				
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL		187.9	98.9	98.9	98.9	98.9

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND		187.9	98.9	98.9	98.9	98.9
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/	3 /	3 /	3 /	3 /	3 /
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/	/	/	/	/	/

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 670 increases the number of Superior Court judges in the state by two. The Superior Court judge position in Sitka will replace the existing District Court Judge position there. Therefore, the additional cost of this judgeship is the difference between the salary of Superior and District Court judges, or \$7,500/year.

The Superior Court judge position in Fairbanks is a new position and will require the creation of three new permanent positions - judge, secretary, and in-court clerk. The total personnel services cost of these positions is \$88,400/year. These new positions will need (see attached page)

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: _____ **PREPARED BY:** *John H. ...*

Original: Legislative Finance
 cc: Budget and Management
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

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furniture, including desks, chairs, typewriters, bookcases, filing cabinets, and other office equipment. The one-time cost of this equipment is \$8,000. Also, an additional \$1,000/year for commodities and \$2,000/year for contractual expenses (phone, postage, equipment rental, etc.) will be needed in support of the 3 new positions.

The additional Superior Court judge will need a new courtroom if he is to be used most effectively. Since the Fairbanks court building is being remodeled at the present time, an additional Superior Court courtroom can be included at a minimum of expense. The major expense items will be the construction of a judge's bench, witness box, in-court clerk area and jury box, plus electrical and ventilation changes and carpeting, all of which would cost approximately \$52,000. In addition to these structural changes or additions, the courtroom must be equipped with spectator seating, jury seating, counsel tables and chairs, and recording equipment. This equipment expense will total \$29,000. The remodeling and equipment expense items are one-time costs and do not increase the ongoing operational cost of the facility.

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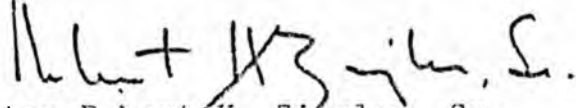
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In other words, the district court judgeship will become vacant, and the superior court judge will handle the case load of both courts.

Respectfully submitted,



Senator Robert H. Ziegler, Sr.
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MEMO February 19, 1976
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Therefore, the total approximate cost of upgrading the position will amount to some \$2500.

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Senate Bill 670 increases the number of Superior Court judges in the state from seventeen to eighteen. The additional Superior Court judge will replace the existing district court judges position in Sitka. Therefore, the only additional funds required are the difference between the salary of Superior Court and District Court judges.

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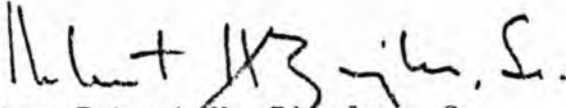
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2 SENATE BILL NO. 670

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the number of superior court
7 judges; and providing for an effective date."

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11 18 [17] judges, four [THREE] of whom shall be judges in the first judi-
12 cial district, one of whom shall be judge in the second judicial dis-
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14 three of whom shall be judges in the fourth judicial district. At the
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COMMITTEE REPORT

SENATE

2/20/76

Mr. President:

Date

3/15/76

The Committee on FINANCE has had SB 670
relating to the number of superior court judges
under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

- recommends it DO PASS
- recommends it DO NOT PASS
- recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)
- recommends it BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR _____ AND THAT
CS FOR _____ DO PASS
- "and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____
COMMITTEE
- reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION
- "other"

Members signing the Majority report:

Bill Kay _____
John B. ... _____
... _____
... _____

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

_____ recommends:
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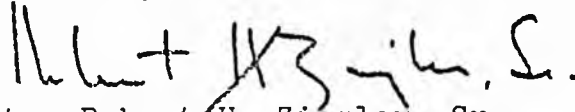
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