

# FISCAL NOTE

June 22, 2023

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| <b>Bill No:</b> | SB 361 | <b>Printer's No:</b> | 635 | <b>Sponsor:</b> | Sen. J. Ward (R) |
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### COST / (SAVINGS)

| <b>Fund (s)</b> | <b>2022-23</b> | <b>2023-24</b> |
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| General Fund    | See Below      | See Below      |

**SUMMARY:** SB 361 proposes to add an additional 5 judges to the courts of common pleas.

**ANALYSIS:** SB 361 would add one judge each to the eighth, fifteenth, twentieth, twenty-sixth, and fiftieth judicial districts. The judgeships for the eighth, twenty-sixth and fiftieth judicial districts will be established on January 1, 2026 after being elected in the 2025 municipal election.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The fiscal impact for the addition of these judges will be \$325,000 annually per judge. For fiscal year 2023-2024 costs would be \$650,000. Following the 2025 municipal election and appointment of the remaining 3 judges, the total fiscal impact for five new judges will be \$1,625,000 annually.