

Senate, April 14, 1998. The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. CRISCO, 17th DIST., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF JUDGES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 51-165
2 of the general statutes, as amended by section 8
3 of public act 97-257, is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

5 (a) (1) On and after [January] JULY 1, 1998,
6 the Superior Court shall consist of one hundred
7 [seventy-seven] EIGHTY-SIX judges, including the
8 judges of the Supreme Court and the Appellate
9 Court, who shall be appointed by the General
10 Assembly upon nomination of the Governor.

11 (2) ON AND AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1999, THE
12 SUPERIOR COURT SHALL CONSIST OF ONE HUNDRED
13 EIGHTY-SEVEN JUDGES, INCLUDING THE JUDGES OF THE
14 SUPREME COURT AND THE APPELLATE COURT, WHO SHALL
15 BE APPOINTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON
16 NOMINATION OF THE GOVERNOR.

17 (3) ON AND AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2000, THE
18 SUPERIOR COURT SHALL CONSIST OF ONE HUNDRED
19 NINETY-TWO JUDGES, INCLUDING THE JUDGES OF THE
20 SUPREME COURT AND THE APPELLATE COURT, WHO SHALL
21 BE APPOINTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON
22 NOMINATION OF THE GOVERNOR.

23 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1,
24 1998.

25 JUD COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 35 NAY 0 JF C/R APP
26 APP COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 47 NAY 1 JFS

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER sSB 54

STATE IMPACT Implements a Provision in the Budget, Uncertain, see explanation below

MUNICIPAL IMPACT None

STATE AGENCY(S) Judicial Department, County Sheriffs

	Current FY	1998-99	1999-2000
State Cost (savings)	:	: 2,846,594	: 3,900,000
St Revenue (loss)	:	:	:
Net St Cost (savings)	:	:	:
Municipal Impact	:	:	:

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE IMPACT: Funds, in the amount of \$2,846,594, have been included within sHB 5021 (the Revised FY 1998-99 Appropriations Act as favorably reported by Appropriations) for partial year funding for nine new judges and for support staff and expenses (including special deputy sheriffs). Five of these judges (3 half-year and 2 three-quarter year funded) are provided to handle civil and juvenile cases. Four additional judges (full-year funding) are also included related to

an anticipated hearing of backlogged child protection cases as a result of the federal Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 which is to be codified into Connecticut law by sHB 5745, "An Act Concerning Child Protection".

In addition, the bill provides an increase of another judge on 10/1/99 and five more judges on 10/1/00. The FY 1999-2000 cost for Judicial Department staff and special deputy sheriffs is estimated at \$3.9 million; the cost for FY 2000-2001 is estimated at \$5.0 million.

It should be noted that the bill's effective dates and judge increases do not coincide with the budgetary provisions within sHB 5021 which are as follows:

7/1/98	4 judges	(sHB 5021)
10/1/98	2 judges	"
1/1/99	3 judges	"
10/1/99	5 judges	(next biennium)
10/1/00	<u>5 judges</u>	"
	19 total	

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OLR BILL ANALYSIS

sSB 54

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SUMMARY: This bill increases by 15, from 177 to 192 on October 1, 2000, the number of Superior Court judges, including those on the Supreme and Appellate Courts. The bill adds the judges in three steps: nine on July 1, 1998; one on October 1, 1999; and five on October 1, 2000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1998

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference
Yea 35 Nay 0

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 47 Nay 1