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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Harden **ORIGINAL DATE** 01/19/11 **LAST UPDATED** 02/15/11 **HB** _____
SHORT TITLE 9th District Judge Office in Roosevelt County **SB** 56/aSfI#1
ANALYST Daly

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY11	FY12	FY13	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SFI Amendment #1

The Senate Floor Amendment #1 deleted language requiring the designation of the Roosevelt County district judge be pursuant to district court rule.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 56 amends existing law to remove the requirement that the Division III judge reside in Curry or Roosevelt County and be assigned to Roosevelt County. This bill instead requires that at least one district judge be designated, by district court rule, to maintain the judge's principal office in Roosevelt County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

AOC notes that designating a judge for Roosevelt County increases administrative efficiency and may result in reduced costs.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This bill ensures that at least one judge will continue to be assigned to and hold court or be available to hold court in Roosevelt County, which the AOC states enhances case processing.

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