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# FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

			ORIGINAL DATE	02/11/13		
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SHORT TITLE		Judicial Standards Investigation & Trial Fund			SB	453

ANALYST Jorgensen

### **<u>REVENUE</u>** (dollars in thousands)

	Recurring	Fund		
FY13	FY14	FY15	or Nonrecurring	Affected
NFI	\$10.0	\$10.0	Recurring	

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Revenue Decreases)

# SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

<u>Responses Received From</u> Judicial Standards Commission (JSC)

## SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 453 (SB 453) proposes to add a new section to the Commission's statutory provisions that would create a statutory fund into which the Commission could deposit reimbursements for the costs of investigations and trials. Such reimbursements are paid by judges who are removed or involuntarily retired from office, or who are disciplined. Such payments are typically ordered by the Supreme Court, but may also be made pursuant to the judge's agreement with the Commission. Any monies remaining in this new fund would not revert at the end of any fiscal year.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

In FY12, the JSC realized \$8.5 thousand from trial cost reimbursements and anticipates receiving \$10 thousand in FY14. SB 453 will allow the JSC to carry over trial cost reimbursements into future years and assures that any funds directed to the JSC will be utilized in the prosecution of cases rather than reverting to the general fund.

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