

February 20, 2023

The Honorable Fred Patton, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 582-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Patton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2383 by House Committee on Judiciary

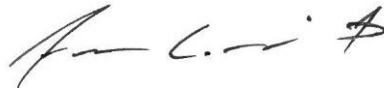
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2383 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2383 would specify that the Supreme Court, upon request, would be required to allow a person who has held the position of a municipal judge in any city in Kansas for a period of not less than ten years to take the examination given to district magistrate judges. The results of the examination would have no effect on the person's eligibility to hold the position of municipal judge.

The Office of Judicial Administration states enactment of the bill would have a fiscal effect on the operations of the Judicial Branch. The Office estimates the bill's provisions would require the Judicial Branch to hire an additional Court Program Analyst FTE position. The additional FTE would schedule and organize the place and time to administer the examinations, administer the actual examination, and track the examination. The estimated cost for the additional FTE position would be \$99,500 from the State General Fund in FY 2024. The Office also estimates there would be additional costs for other operating expenditures to administer the examinations, which would include travel expenses, rental of a meeting space, and other miscellaneous expenses. According to the Office, an accurate fiscal effect cannot be estimated until the Judicial Branch has had an opportunity to operate under the bill's provisions. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2383 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

The League of Kansas Municipalities states enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on Kansas cities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Vicki Jacobsen, Judiciary
Wendi Stark, League of Kansas Municipalities