

FISCAL NOTE

This bill contains an appropriation of \$600,000 from the GENERAL FUND to the Supreme Court. This appropriation is effective immediately.

This bill contains an authorization of 5 full-time position(s).

DETAIL OF APPROPRIATION

Agency #: 101 Agency Name: Supreme Court
Unit: 1000 Chancery Court

EXPENDITURE BY SERIES AND YEAR	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
0100 Personnel/Benefit Costs	\$0	\$552,000	\$0
0200 Supportive Services Costs	\$0	\$18,000	\$0
0400 Central/Data Services Costs	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
0900 Contractual Services Costs	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
 Total Expenditure Per Year:	 \$0	 \$600,000	 \$0
 Grand Total Expenditure:	 \$600,000		
Total Appropriated to Agency:	\$600,000		
Total Appropriated by Fund:			
GENERAL FUND	\$600,000		

Description of Appropriation:

The bill proposes to establish chancery courts of limited jurisdiction to resolve disputes involving commercial, business, trust, and other similar issues. These courts would have concurrent jurisdiction with district on like matters eligible for chancery court proceedings.

Assumptions:

The appropriation would be expended to establish the first chancery court in the state after rules and regulations and court procedural standards are promulgated by the Wyoming Supreme Court. The amounts specified, except 0400 Central/Data Services costs, are based on proportionate shares of the average district court costs for the appropriate expenditure series. Cost of information technology services are based on typical costs to acquire adequate computer hardware and software when establishing a new court.

It is important to note that the bill creates the "chancery court account," to which chancery court case filing fees should be deposited, and from which court costs may be covered only upon legislative appropriation. The bill also specifies the Legislature may appropriate from the GENERAL FUND if funds in the account are insufficient to cover required court costs.

This estimate does not include physical courtroom acquisition or construction costs, including potential remodeling of available county's space to accommodate court security and technology needs.

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