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House Bill 4823 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Douglas Wozniak
House Committee: Judiciary
Senate Committee: Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Chapter 8 (Probate Courts) of the Revised Judicature Act to allow Macomb County to have one additional probate judgeship beginning January 1, 2025.

Under Section 803 of the Act, Macomb County has two probate judges. Under the bill, subject to Section 805, Macomb County could have one additional judge, beginning January 1, 2025. (Generally, Section 805 allows additional probate judgeships to be authorized if the county board of commissioners adopts a resolution approving the creation of that judgeship and the county clerk files a copy of it with the State Court Administrator.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The costs for a judgeship are shared by the State and the local government in which the judge sits. The State covers salary and retirement costs, while the local government covers the cost of additional benefits, personnel costs, supplies, equipment, office space, etc.

Each probate judgeship costs the State just under \$200,000 General Fund/General Purpose, with a base salary of approximately \$172,100 and costs for payroll taxes and retirement benefits at \$24,200.

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