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**Fiscal Note**

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**S.163 – An act relating to establishing two Superior judge positions**

**Bill Summary**

This bill proposes to establish two new Superior Judge positions. Each position shall be for a six-year term of office and would be subject to the judicial retention process under Chapter II, § 34 of the Vermont Constitution.

**Fiscal Impact**

S.163 would appropriate \$539,246 from the General Fund in fiscal year 2025 to cover costs associated with the two judge positions. This would be a recurring cost. Although the bill does not fund or create any judicial assistant positions, two of these positions would need to be created as well. Each assistant position would cost \$84,709 annually. The total annual fiscal impact of this bill would be \$708,664. This bill would be effective as of July 1, 2024.

|                    | Annual Salary | Number of Positions | Total Cost       |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Superior Judge     | \$269,623     | 2                   | \$539,246        |
| Judicial Assistant | \$84,709      | 2                   | \$169,418        |
|                    |               | <b>Total</b>        | <b>\$708,664</b> |