

# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

## ASSEMBLY, No. 1489

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

## 208th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MAY 7, 1998

Assembly Bill No. 1489 of 1998 provides for an additional Superior Court judge, increasing the total number of judges of that court from 416 to 417 and increasing the total number of judges of the Superior Court who at the time of their appointment or reappointment were residents of Warren County from three to four. The bill also appropriates \$275,000.

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) states that the salary and fringe benefits costs for a judge totals \$168,475 (\$115,000 for salaries and \$53,475 for fringe benefits). In addition, each judge's staff consists of a secretary, a law clerk, and a court clerk for a salary and fringe benefits cost of \$101,440, and a total salary and fringe benefits cost of \$269,915.

The AOC also notes that first-year start-up costs for furnishings and supplies would total \$47,000, and be reduced to \$8,000 per year thereafter, for a first-year cost of \$316,915. The AOC adds that while the bill appropriates \$275,000 for implementation, it would be able to bear the additional expense of the bill from available resources.

The Office of Legislative Services concurs.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.