

**Introduced by Committee on Judiciary (Senators Jackson (Chair),  
Anderson, Hertzberg, Leno, Monning, Moorlach, and  
Wieckowski)**

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An act relating to courts, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1023, as introduced, Committee on Judiciary. Courts: judgeships.

Existing law allocates additional judgeships to the various counties in accordance with uniform standards for factually determining additional need in each county, as approved by the Judicial Council. Existing law authorizes 50 additional judges, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to be allocated to the various county superior courts, pursuant to uniform criteria approved by the Judicial Council.

This bill would appropriate \$5,000,000 from the General Fund for the purpose of funding 12 superior court judge positions in judgeships currently authorized by the Legislature. The bill would require the Judicial Council to determine which positions are funded, pursuant to that uniform criteria.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. The sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) is  
2     hereby appropriated from the General Fund for the purpose of  
3     funding 12 new superior court judgeships, and accompanying staff,  
4     as authorized pursuant to Section 69614.2 of the Government  
5     Code. The Judicial Council shall determine the allocation of the

- 1 funded judgeships pursuant to the uniform criteria described in
- 2 subdivision (b) of Section 69614 of the Government Code, as
- 3 updated and approved by the Judicial Council.

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