

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 52nd Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 609
Version:	Committee Substitute
Author:	Representative Sullivan
	Senator Lamb
Date:	March 24, 2009
Impact:	Cost Savings FY-10:
	\$199,245
	Cost Savings FY-11 & Thereafter:
	\$298,868

Bill Summary

Research Analyst: Dante Giancola

The committee substitute for SB609 reduces the number of judges on the Workers' Compensation Court from 10 to 8, assigning four permanently to the Oklahoma City Workers' Compensation Court and assigning the other four permanently to the Tulsa Workers' Compensation Court. The bill also requires that all judges appointed to this court be confirmed by the Senate.

Fiscal Summary

Fiscal Analyst: Marilyn Anderson

The committee substitute for SB 609 modifies the composition of the Workers' Compensation Court from ten to eight judges, four of which will be permanently assigned to Oklahoma City and four of which will be permanently assigned to Tulsa. The measure also requires Senate confirmation on all judicial appointments to the Workers' Compensation Court.

Fiscal Analysis

The cost savings from the elimination of three judicial positions, including salary and benefits, would be approximately \$298,868 annually. Since SB 609 does not go into effect until November 1, 2009, the cost savings for FY-10 would only be \$199,245. There may be additional savings if the staff positions currently serving the three judges are also eliminated.

Long Term Fiscal Considerations

None

Fiscal Analysis Reviewed By:

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