

BILL SUMMARY
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Impact:	AOC: \$2,000,000

Research Analysis

HB1562 outlines the framework for the creation of two business court divisions headquartered in Oklahoma County and Tulsa County. The measure:

- sets the annual salary for a business court judge at \$155,954;
- authorizes a business court judge to appoint a law clerk, secretary-bailiff and other personnel approved by the Chief Justice;
- establishes a nomination process for the Governor to appoint a business judge. One judge for the Oklahoma County headquarter will selected from a list of 6 nominees submitted by the Speaker. The judge for the Tulsa County headquarter will be come from a list of 6 nominees submitted by the Senate President Pro Tempore.
- sets the term for business court judges at 2 years;
- outlines the qualifications to serve as a business court judge; and
- outlines the authority and jurisdiction of a business court.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB1562 creates the business court division within the District Courts of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). Officials with the AOC have provided the following cost analysis:

	Total Cost
Business Court District Judges	\$ 677,760
Law Clerks	825,156
Court Reporters	230,712
Secretary Bailiffs	155,752
Computers, software, misc. expenses for start up, benefit increases, etc.	110,620
	\$ 2,000,000

Therefore, in its current form, this measure is anticipated to have a total cost of \$2,000,000 to the AOC, and the agency would seek additional funding to defray these costs.

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Other Considerations

None.

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