

# Senate Fiscal Summary

## 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislature



### Senate Bill 632

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<b>Agency:</b>	<b>Administrative Office of the Courts</b>
<b>Senate Author:</b>	<b>Paxton</b>
<b>House Author:</b>	<b>Hilbert</b>
<b>FY'26 Impact:</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Full Year Impact:</b>	<b>\$2,000,000 +</b>

#### **Bill Summary and Fiscal Analysis:**

SB 632 would create a business court division within the district court of any judicial district containing a population in excess of 500,000. The measure categorizes each division numerically and locates Business Court Division I within Oklahoma County. Business Court Division II shall be located within Tulsa County. The measure establishes a business court judge's salary at the same level as a United States district court judge. Each court shall consist of 1 judge appointed by the Governor. A business judge shall serve a term of 6 years. The measure assigns arbitration and certain cases outlined in the measure to the business court. The business court is also authorized to hear "complex cases" as defined in the measure. Any party may transfer an action to the business court division of proper venue if the district court judge determines the business court has subject matter jurisdiction over the action. The measure requires nonjury trials filed within the court to be resolved within 12 months of the filing of the action unless both parties agree to an extension. The Administrative Office of the Courts(AOC) estimates a cost of \$2,000,000 to implement these provisions. This estimate includes salary and benefits for 2 judges, 4 law clerks, 2 court reporters, and 2 secretary bailiffs, as well as additional technology and operations costs for a total of \$2,000,000. The AOC has stated there is not currently room at either the COCA location or at the county courthouses for the Business Courts. Additional costs associated with leasing, purchasing, and/or renovating a location are currently undeterminable.

Fiscal Impact provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts