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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Joint Judiciary Committee

FROM: Judge Peter Arnold, President Elect of the District Judges Conference

RE: Proposed Budget Reductions

DATE: July 27, 2012

On behalf of the District Judges Conference I am attaching a spreadsheet outlining the budget reductions required by Section 319(b) of the 2012 Budget Bill.

As with all small departments, salaries or Personal Services is a large portion of the budget. For the District Courts the percentage is approximately 95%. With that in mind, we will be asking the Joint Appropriations Committee to reduce all of the other categories of our budgets and leave the Personal Services in tack. Each District Judge is provided four full-time positions which include the judge, a law clerk, a judicial assistant, and a court reporter. Each of those positions is vital to the function of a district judge office.

To require the entire district court budget to be reduced by 4% or 8% will require a reduction in staff. The reduction of one position from the four full-time approved positions is obviously a 25% reduction in personnel.

The District Judges Conference is however prepared to make a 4% reduction in the Supportive Services, Central Services, and Contractual Services. The amount in each budget reduction is approximately \$3,000 to \$4,000 for a Biennium. The reductions will be reflected in supplies, printing and interpreter fees. In the next few months the District Judges will have an opportunity to review the amount of funds budgeted in transcription fees and make further recommendations for reductions.

Again, on behalf of the District Judges Conference we request consideration be given to require a 4% reduction that excludes personal services but will be sustainable in the 2015-2016 Biennium Budget.

District Courts (120 - 142)

Proposed Reductions to 2013-2014 Biennium

	Personal Services 0100	Support Services 0200	Central Services Data Serv 0400	Contract Services 0900	Total 2013- 2014 Standard Budget	Subtract Judicial Salaries	Adjusted Standard Budget for 2013- 2014	FY2014 Appro or 1/2 of the 2013-2014 Appro	Reduction for FY2014 (Req. by Sect. 319)	4% Reduction for 2015- 2016	8% Reduction for 2015- 2016
120 (JD-1A Campbell)	980,023	29,248	0	13,192	1,022,463	-420,516	601,947	300,974	12,039	24,078	48,156
121 (JD-1B Davis)	979,183	35,364	0	16,358	1,030,905	-404,676	626,229	313,115	12,525	25,049	50,098
122 (JD-2A Waldrip)	962,852	46,215	0	14,800	1,023,867	-425,076	598,791	299,396	11,976	23,952	47,903
123 (JD-2B Donnell)	978,471	39,737	0	15,625	1,033,833	-420,516	613,317	306,659	12,266	24,533	49,065
124 (JD-3B Lavery)	943,511	25,579	871	10,500	980,461	-354,420	626,041	313,020	12,521	25,042	50,083
125 (JD-3A Sanderson)	964,648	41,521	0	19,169	1,025,338	-420,516	604,822	302,411	12,096	24,193	48,386
126 (JD-4A Fenn)	935,334	41,738	2,016	19,353	998,441	-425,076	573,365	286,683	11,467	22,935	45,869
127 (JD-5A Skar)	966,587	46,433	871	16,500	1,030,391	-420,516	609,875	304,938	12,198	24,395	48,790
127 JD-5A Water Lit.	302,431	33,739	4,581	54,880	395,631		395,631	197,816	7,913	15,825	31,650
128 (JD-5B Cranfill)	954,459	37,798	0	18,832	1,011,089	-425,076	586,013	293,007	11,720	23,441	46,881
129 (JD-6A Price)	975,852	39,756	3,262	13,000	1,031,870	-420,516	611,354	305,677	12,227	24,454	48,908
130 (JD-7A Park)	1,009,270	34,926	0	7,500	1,051,696	-425,076	626,620	313,310	12,532	25,065	50,130
131 (JD-7B Sullins)	949,824	31,899	0	13,300	995,023	-370,260	624,763	312,381	12,495	24,991	49,981
132 (JD-9A Young)	967,359	54,497	4,681	40,000	1,066,537	-425,076	641,461	320,731	12,829	25,658	51,317
133 (JD-8A Kautz)	928,537	55,975	0	11,025	995,537	-425,076	570,461	285,231	11,409	22,818	45,637
134 (JD-9B Day)	1,086,541	63,782	2,160	14,441	1,166,924	-425,076	741,848	370,924	14,837	29,674	59,348
135 (JD-6B Perry)	1,000,779	53,735	0	16,540	1,071,054	-413,028	658,026	329,013	13,161	26,321	52,642
136 (JD-8B Brooks)	971,661	37,687	6,913	8,626	1,024,887	-425,076	599,811	299,906	11,996	23,992	47,985
137 (JD-1C Arnold)	1,023,860	27,837	1,138	12,500	1,065,335	-404,675	660,660	330,330	13,213	26,426	52,853
138 (JD-1C James)	961,175	28,706	0	12,500	1,002,381	-413,028	589,353	294,677	11,787	23,574	47,148
139 (JD-7C Wilking)	939,811	33,108	1,782	12,100	986,801	-406,836	579,965	289,983	11,599	23,199	46,397
140 (JD-6C Deegan)	951,899	38,700	0	12,000	1,002,599	-420,516	582,083	291,042	11,642	23,283	46,567
141 (JD-9C Tyler)	958,069	48,700	1,371	12,100	1,020,240	-420,516	599,724	299,862	11,994	23,989	47,978
142 (JD-4B Edelman)	851,290	31,700	2,860	6,000	891,850						

To cut the required 4% in FY2014, the district judges will need to consider cutting the amount budgeted for transcript fees.

To cut an additional 4% or 8% in the 2015-2016 Biennium will require cutting all transcript fees or all Support Services funds. The requirement may require cutting a position by half or completely. The District Judges agree these types of cuts will drastically impact the way they do business. The District Judges would like to request Legislature to consider cutting 4% from all other categories excluding the Personal Services.