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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Note for HB0417, as introduced

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act allowing the governing body of the city to determine how many city judges the city court will have.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. This bill is projected to potentially affect only city courts in the largest cities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Passage of HB0417 will have no fiscal impact on state government.

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

If additional judges are appointed, costs of the judge and his/her staff may be offset, to some extent, by additional revenue. Projections on exact expenditures and revenues are not available. This bill has a limited scope due to current caseloads.

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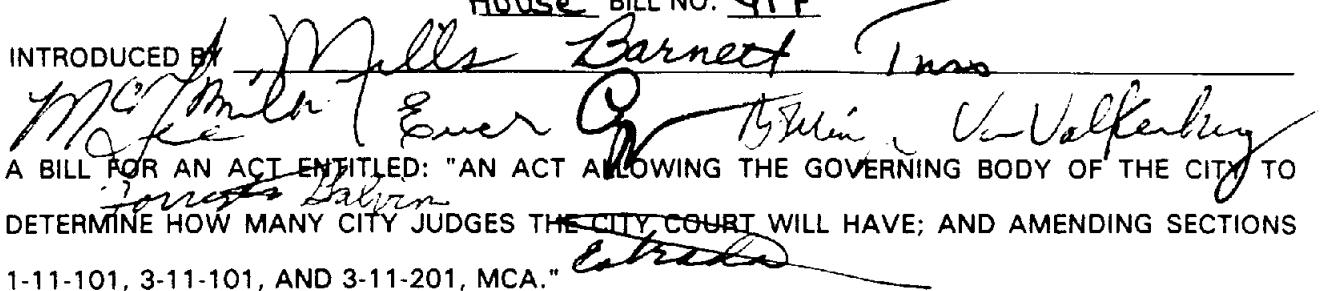
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