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Bill Number: S. 0444 Introduced on January 25, 2023
Author: Massey
Subject: JMSC Reform
Requestor: Senate Judiciary
RFA Analyst(s): Miller
Impact Date: January 24, 2024

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill requires the Judicial Merit Selection Commission (JMSC) to submit to the General Assembly the names and qualifications of all candidates that the commission considers qualified for the judicial office under consideration, as opposed to only the best three as currently required.

This bill will have no expenditure impact for the Senate or the House of Representatives (House) as reviewing and electing a candidate for a judicial office is within the normal course of business for the General Assembly.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill requires JMSC to submit to the General Assembly the names and qualifications of all candidates that the commission considers qualified for the judicial office under consideration. Currently, JMSC submits the top three most qualified candidates only. This bill expands JMSC's reporting requirement to include all qualified candidates.

Reviewing and electing candidates for a judicial office is within the normal course of business for the General Assembly. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact for the Senate or the House.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

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