FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: SB0392 **Title:** Revise supreme court judicial pay levels

Primary Sponsor: Balyeat, J **Status:** As Introduced

Sponsor signature Date David Ewer, Budget Director Date

Fiscal Summary

	FY 2006 Difference	FY 2007 Difference
Expenditures:		
General Fund	$0	$0
Revenue:		
General Fund	$0	$0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	$0	$0

- ☐ Significant Local Gov. Impact
- ☐ Included in the Executive Budget
- ☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached
- ☐ Technical Concerns
- ☒ Significant Long-Term Impacts
- ☐ Needs to be included in HB 2

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. This bill revises the salaries of the chief justice and justices of the Montana Supreme Court.
2. Article VII, Section 7, of the Montana Constitution, prohibits a salary reduction for any justice or judge during a term in office.
3. The following is a schedule of term expirations for current Supreme Court Justices:
   a. 2 seats in January, 2007 (FY 2008)
   b. 2 seats in January, 2009 (FY 2010)
   c. 1 seat in January, 2010 (FY 2011)
   d. 2 seats in January, 2012 (FY 2013)
4. Based on the above term schedule, this bill will not have a fiscal impact to the Judicial Branch until FY 2008. Therefore, no fiscal impact for fiscal years 2006 and 2007.

LONG-RANGE IMPACTS:

1. This bill will have long-range general fund savings.
2. The FY 2007 salary for the Chief Justice (salary only) is $102,467. This bill would set that salary at $21,773 for a reduction of $80,694.
3. The salary for the remaining Justices is set to be, in FY 2007, $100,884. This bill would set that salary at $19,968 for a reduction of $80,916.