

**5% Base Budget Reduction Form**  
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**AGENCY CODE & NAME: Judiciary**

		Minimum Requirement	
		General Fund	State Special Revenue Fund
<b>TARGETED REDUCTION TO EQUAL 5% OF CURRENT BASE BUDGET</b>		\$ 2,177,245	\$ 52,429
Priority	<b>SERVICE(S) TO BE ELIMINATED OR REDUCED</b>	<b>General Fund Annual Savings</b>	<b>State Special Revenue Annual Savings</b>
1	Supreme Court Operations Program - Drug Court Fees		\$ 52,429
2	Supreme Court Operations - Drug Courts	\$ 1,191,874	\$ -
3	Law Library - HB 70 WINGS Program	\$ 160,000	\$ -
4	District Court Operations - Witness Costs	\$ 54,265	
5	District Court Operations - Jury Costs	\$ 590,754	
6	District Court Operations - Evaluations	\$ 98,173	
7	Clerk of Court Operational Categories	\$ 38,624	
8	Law Library - Operational Categories	\$ 43,555	
9		\$ -	
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11	<b>TOTAL SAVINGS</b>	\$ 2,177,245	\$ 52,429
	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Form A

## 5% Base Budget Reduction Form

### AGENCY CODE & NAME:

21100 Judicial Branch Supreme Court Operations

### #1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

Reduction of expenses related to drug court fees revenue. Reductions would be to other services, supplies & materials, and benefits to individuals.

### #2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:

\$52,429 State Special Revenue

### #3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

Participant fees collected by drug court programs has provided drug courts with additional funding for operating costs and additional benefits to participants, that would otherwise not be available due to limited funding from the general fund or grants.

### #4 HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED

The Judicial Branch does not currently have any other option to mitigate this reduction.

### #5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:

No. Allowed but not required 46-1-1104, MCA

**Form B**

## 5% Base Budget Reduction Form

### AGENCY CODE & NAME:

21100, Judicial Branch, Supreme Court Operations

### #1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR *ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION*:

Eliminate the payment for alcohol and drug treatment court costs and administration.

### #2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:

\$1,191,874 General Fund

### #3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED *ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION*:

Nationally and in Montana, drug court programs have resulted in lowered recidivism rates for offenders, substantially reduced drug use, allowed offenders to stay in their communities to support their families, work and pay taxes and reduced the number of babies born drug addicted. Eliminating drug courts would reverse these impacts.

### #4 HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED

The Judicial Branch does not currently have any other option to mitigate this reduction.

### #5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:

No, allowed but not required 46-1-1104, MCA

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### AGENCY CODE & NAME:

21100, Judicial Branch, Law Library

### #1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR *ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION*:

Reduction of operational categories including personal services, operating and grants.

### #2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:

\$160,000 general fund

### #3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED *ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION*:

Reductions related to HB 70, WINGS program passed during the 2017 Regular Session and made a part of base funding for the 21 biennium.

### #4 HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED

The Judicial Branch does not currently have any other option to mitigate this reduction.

### #5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:

Yes. 3-1-711 and 3-1-712, MCA

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### AGENCY CODE & NAME:

21100, Judicial Branch, District Court Operations

### #1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR *ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION*:

Eliminate the reimbursement of witness fees and related costs in District Courts.

### #2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:

\$54,265 General Fund

### #3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED *ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION*:

Costs of witnesses called by the Attorney General or County Attorneys would not be paid or would be paid by local governments. Costs were assumed by the state from the counties in 2002. Statutory change would be necessary.

### #4

#### HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED:

The Judicial Branch does not currently have any other option to mitigate this reduction.

### #5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:

Yes, 26-2-506 and 46-15-116, MCA.

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### AGENCY CODE & NAME:

21100, Judicial Branch, District Court Operations

### #1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR *ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION*:

Eliminate the reimbursement of jury fees and related costs in District Courts.

### #2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:

\$590,754 General Fund

### #3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED *ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION*:

Jury fees and related costs (mileage, postage, etc) would not be paid or would be paid by local governments. Costs were assumed by the state from the counties in 2002. Statutory change would be necessary.

### #4 HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED

The Judicial Branch does not currently have any other option to mitigate this reduction.

### #5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:

Yes, 3-5-901 and 3-15-201, MCA.

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### AGENCY CODE & NAME:

21100, Judicial Branch, District Court Operations

### #1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR *ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION*:

Eliminate the payment of court ordered evaluations, fitness to proceed evaluations and psychosexual evaluations in criminal cases in District Courts.

### #2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:

\$98,173 General Fund

### #3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED *ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION*:

Evaluation costs of defendants in criminal cases would not be paid or would be paid by local governments. Costs were assumed by the state from the counties in 2002. Statutory change would be necessary.

### #4 HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED

The Judicial Branch does not currently have any other option to mitigate this reduction.

### #5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:

Yes, 46-14-206, 46-14-221 and 46-18-111, MCA.

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### AGENCY CODE & NAME:

21100, Judicial Branch, Clerk of Court

### #1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR *ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION*:

Reduction of all operational categories including copying, office supplies, postage, records storage, long distance and other telephone charges, travel, office equipment maintenance and training.

### #2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:

\$38,624 General Fund

### #3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED *ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION*:

Reductions would severely impede the Clerk of Court from performing required duties in support of the Montana Supreme Court.

### #4 HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED

The Judicial Branch does not currently have any other option to mitigate this reduction.

### #5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:

Yes, Title 3, Chapter 2, Part 4, MCA.

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### AGENCY CODE & NAME:

21100, Judicial Branch, Law Library

### #1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR *ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION*:

Reduction in purchase of books and other library materials.

### #2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:

\$43,555 General Fund

### #3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED *ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION*:

Cuts will be made to materials purchased and used by the legislative branch and executive agencies. In past years this has led to those agencies each purchasing duplicate titles, but being unaware of the redundancies in spending. Required titles will not be available for loaning to public libraries, the other courts around the state, court officers, and the general public. Litigants will be less prepared for trial, which will delay judicial opinions and sentences.

### #4 HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED

The Judicial Branch does not currently have any other option to mitigate this reduction.

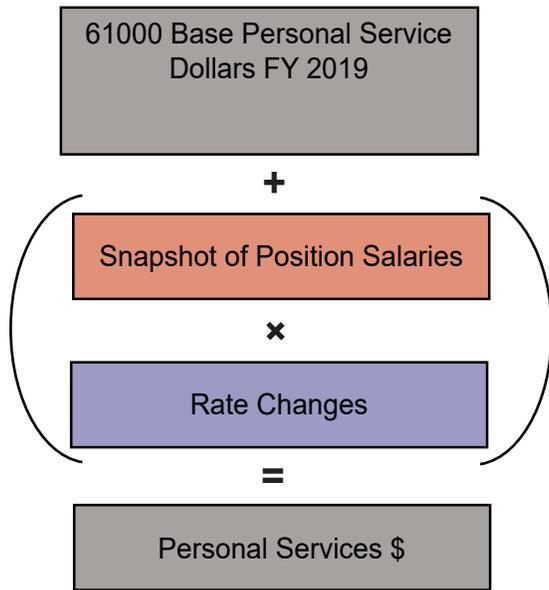
### #5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:

Yes. Title 22, Chapter 1, Part 5, MCA.

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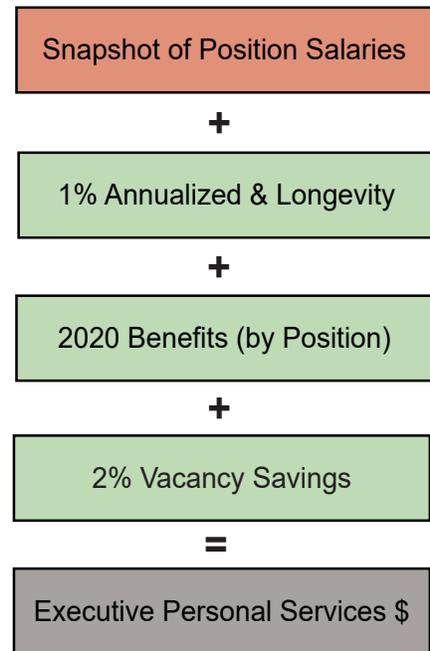
# 2021 Biennium Personal Services Comparison

## Expected PS Calculations



Personal Services  
- 61000 FY 2019 Personal Services Base  
= Compare to DP1

## Executive



Executive Personal Services  
- 61000 FY 2019 Personal Services Base  
= DP1 Statewide Present Law Adjustment

## Expected Personal Services Calculation Details

(Base 61000 Amount plus Expected-Benefit-Changes-Amount)

