

SUPREME COURT

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY17 Adjusted Base	FY18 Recommended	% Change Over FY17	FY19 Recommended	% Change Over FY18
GPR	15,627,400	17,499,100	12.0	17,871,100	2.1
PR-F	935,700	987,100	5.5	987,200	0.0
PR-O	11,947,200	12,451,500	4.2	12,474,600	0.2
PR-S	236,800	258,300	9.1	258,600	0.1
SEG-O	764,100	820,200	7.3	821,400	0.1
TOTAL	29,511,200	32,016,200	8.5	32,412,900	1.2

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY17 Adjusted Base	FY18 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY17	FY19 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY18
GPR	115.50	117.50	2.00	117.50	0.00
PR-F	5.00	5.00	0.00	5.00	0.00
PR-O	93.75	93.75	0.00	93.75	0.00
PR-S	2.50	3.50	1.00	3.50	0.00
SEG-O	5.00	5.00	0.00	5.00	0.00
TOTAL	221.75	224.75	3.00	224.75	0.00

AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The Wisconsin Supreme Court, consisting of seven justices elected to ten-year terms, has original jurisdiction in certain cases of statewide concern and, since August 1978, discretionary appellate jurisdiction on all other issues arising under Wisconsin law. The court considers petitions to review decisions of the Court of Appeals, petitions to bypass the Court of Appeals and certifications from that court. It is the highest tribunal for actions commenced in state courts, except where a federal question allowing an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court is raised. It is the final authority on the state constitution.

The constitution provides that the Wisconsin Supreme Court has the superintending and administrative authority over all courts in the state. The chief justice is the administrative head of the state judicial system and exercises this authority both directly and through the director of state courts pursuant to rules adopted by the Supreme Court.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Business Court Pilot
2. Judicial Compensation
3. Eliminate the Statutory Judicial Council
4. Transfer Judicial Commission to the Supreme Court
5. Minor Program Revenue Adjustments
6. Standard Budget Adjustments

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**Table 1
Department Budget Summary by Funding Source (in thousands of dollars)**

	ACTUAL FY16	ADJUSTED BASE FY17	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY18	FY19	FY18	FY19
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$14,073.0	\$15,627.4	\$17,195.2	\$17,232.6	\$17,499.1	\$17,871.1
State Operations	14,073.0	15,627.4	17,195.2	17,232.6	17,499.1	17,871.1
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	\$831.6	\$935.7	\$987.3	\$987.4	\$987.1	\$987.2
State Operations	831.6	935.7	987.3	987.4	987.1	987.2
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	\$11,851.9	\$12,184.0	\$12,711.0	\$12,734.4	\$12,709.8	\$12,733.2
State Operations	11,851.9	12,184.0	12,711.0	12,734.4	12,709.8	12,733.2
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	\$215.7	\$764.1	\$820.2	\$821.4	\$820.2	\$821.4
State Operations	215.7	764.1	820.2	821.4	820.2	821.4
TOTALS - ANNUAL	\$26,972.3	\$29,511.2	\$31,713.7	\$31,775.8	\$32,016.2	\$32,412.9
State Operations	26,972.3	29,511.2	31,713.7	31,775.8	32,016.2	32,412.9

(1) Includes Program Revenue-Federal and Segregated Revenue-Federal

(2) Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other

(3) Includes Segregated Revenue-Service, Segregated Revenue-Other and Segregated Revenue-Local

**Table 2
Department Position Summary by Funding Source (in FTE positions) (4)**

	ADJUSTED BASE FY17	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY18	FY19	FY18	FY19
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	115.50	115.50	115.50	117.50	117.50
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	96.25	96.25	96.25	97.25	97.25
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
TOTALS - ANNUAL	221.75	221.75	221.75	224.75	224.75

(1) Includes Program Revenue-Federal and Segregated Revenue-Federal

(2) Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other

(3) Includes Segregated Revenue-Service, Segregated Revenue-Other and Segregated Revenue-Local

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

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**Table 3
Department Budget Summary by Program (in thousands of dollars)**

	ACTUAL FY16	ADJUSTED BASE FY17	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY18	FY19	FY18	FY19
1. Supreme court proceedings	\$4,833.6	\$5,292.5	\$5,529.3	\$5,529.3	\$5,529.7	\$5,529.7
2. Director of state courts and law library	\$18,338.1	\$20,399.0	\$22,072.6	\$22,134.7	\$22,071.6	\$22,467.7
3. Bar examiners and responsibility	\$3,800.6	\$3,819.7	\$4,111.8	\$4,111.8	\$4,414.9	\$4,415.5
TOTALS	\$26,972.3	\$29,511.2	\$31,713.7	\$31,775.8	\$32,016.2	\$32,412.9

**Table 4
Department Position Summary by Program (in FTE positions) (4)**

	ADJUSTED BASE FY17	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY18	FY19	FY18	FY19
1. Supreme court proceedings	38.50	38.50	38.50	38.50	38.50
2. Director of state courts and law library	147.75	147.75	147.75	148.75	148.75
3. Bar examiners and responsibility	35.50	35.50	35.50	37.50	37.50
TOTALS	221.75	221.75	221.75	224.75	224.75

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

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1. Business Court Pilot

The Governor recommends establishing a pilot project to create a specialized business court program for commercial disputes by January 1, 2019.

2. Judicial Compensation

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY18		FY19		FY18		FY19	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	334,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	334,000	0.00

The Governor recommends establishing a process by which the Director of State Courts can develop a pay plan for judges and justices, which is submitted directly to the Joint Committee on Employment Relations for approval, rather than as part of the state compensation plan submitted by the Department of Administration to the committee. The pay plan may utilize savings within the Wisconsin Court System from existing appropriations. The Governor also recommends providing expenditure authority to reflect an amount equal to the wage increase provided to other state employees. Nonjudicial staff will continue to be covered under the state compensation plan. See Circuit Courts, Item #1; and Court of Appeals, Item #1.

3. Eliminate the Statutory Judicial Council

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY18		FY19		FY18		FY19	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-S	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	1.00	0	1.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	1.00	0	1.00

The Governor recommends transferring position authority to the Supreme Court from the Judicial Council and eliminating the council as a statutory entity. The court has the authority to create an advisory council if deemed necessary. See Judicial Council, Item #1.

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4. Transfer Judicial Commission to the Supreme Court

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY18		FY19		FY18		FY19	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	303,500	2.00	304,100	2.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	303,500	2.00	304,100	2.00

The Governor recommends transferring funding and position authority from the Judicial Commission to the Supreme Court and eliminating the commission as a separate agency. See Judicial Commission, Item #1.

5. Minor Program Revenue Adjustments

The Governor recommends statutory language changes to the appropriations for materials and services, and court information systems in order to simplify the process for depositing revenues related to the consolidated court automation program.

6. Standard Budget Adjustments

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY18		FY19		FY18		FY19	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	1,567,800	0.00	1,605,200	0.00	1,568,200	0.00	1,605,600	0.00
PR-F	51,600	0.00	51,700	0.00	51,400	0.00	51,500	0.00
PR-O	505,600	0.00	528,700	0.00	504,300	0.00	527,400	0.00
PR-S	21,400	0.00	21,700	0.00	21,500	0.00	21,800	0.00
SEG-O	56,100	0.00	57,300	0.00	56,100	0.00	57,300	0.00
TOTAL	2,202,500	0.00	2,264,600	0.00	2,201,500	0.00	2,263,600	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the agency's base budget for: (a) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$2,133,400 in each year); and (b) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (\$68,100 in FY18 and \$130,200 in FY19).