

CIRCUIT COURTS

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY09 Adjusted Base	FY10 Recommended	% Change Over FY09	FY11 Recommended	% Change Over FY10
GPR	91,612,200	95,154,200	3.9	95,558,900	0.4
TOTAL	91,612,200	95,154,200	3.9	95,558,900	0.4

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY09 Adjusted Base	FY10 Recommended	FTE Change From FY09	FY11 Recommended	FTE Change From FY10
GPR	521.00	525.00	4.00	527.00	2.00
TOTAL	521.00	525.00	4.00	527.00	2.00

AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The Circuit Courts are Wisconsin's courts of general jurisdiction and consist of 246 judicial positions in 69 judicial circuits. Effective August 1, 2009, there will be 248 judicial positions and effective August 1, 2010, there will be 249 judicial positions as provided in 2007 Wisconsin Acts 20 and 28. Each county in the state is a circuit, with the exception of Pepin and Buffalo, Menominee and Shawano, and Forest and Florence, which are paired to form three circuits. Where the volume of litigation warrants, a circuit consists of more than one branch (judge). Of the 69 circuits, 40 contain multiple branches.

The Circuit Courts have original jurisdiction in all criminal, civil, juvenile, family and probate cases unless exclusive jurisdiction has been given to another court. The courts have appellate jurisdiction over orders and judgments of the municipal courts and the responsibility to review decisions and orders of state administrative agencies.

For purposes of management, the Circuit Courts are divided into ten administrative districts. Each district has a chief judge appointed by the Supreme Court and a district court administrator who administer the business of the judicial branch in that district in cooperation with the director of state courts at the direction of the chief justice. The first judicial district (Milwaukee County) also has an assistant district court administrator.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Across-the-Board 1 Percent Reductions
2. Court Interpreter Measures
3. Standard Budget Adjustments

ITEMS NOT APPROVED

4. Financial Assistance Programs

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

	ACTUAL FY08	ADJUSTED BASE FY09	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY10	FY11	FY10	FY11
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$88,163.1	\$91,612.2	\$112,299.9	\$113,099.9	\$95,154.2	\$95,558.9
State Operations	63,633.8	67,009.0	71,544.0	71,800.8	70,626.0	70,882.1
Local Assistance	24,529.3	24,603.2	40,755.9	41,299.1	24,528.2	24,676.8
TOTALS-ANNUAL	88,163.1	91,612.2	112,299.9	113,099.9	95,154.2	95,558.9
State Operations	63,633.8	67,009.0	71,544.0	71,800.8	70,626.0	70,882.1
Local Assistance	24,529.3	24,603.2	40,755.9	41,299.1	24,528.2	24,676.8

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY09	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY10	FY11	FY10	FY11
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	521.00	525.00	527.00	525.00	527.00
TOTALS-ANNUAL	521.00	525.00	527.00	525.00	527.00

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

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

	ACTUAL FY08	ADJUSTED BASE FY09	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY10	FY11	FY10	FY11
1. Court operations	\$88,163.1	\$91,612.2	\$112,299.9	\$113,099.9	\$95,154.2	\$95,558.9
TOTALS	88,163.1	91,612.2	112,299.9	113,099.9	95,154.2	95,558.9

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY09	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY10	FY11	FY10	FY11
1. Court operations	521.00	525.00	527.00	525.00	527.00
TOTALS	521.00	525.00	527.00	525.00	527.00

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

1. Across-the-Board 1 Percent Reductions

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY10		FY11		FY10		FY11	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	-916,100	0.00	-916,100	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	-916,100	0.00	-916,100	0.00

The Governor recommends reducing most nonfederal appropriations by 1 percent to create additional efficiencies and balance the budget.

2. Court Interpreter Measures

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY10		FY11		FY10		FY11	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	171,000	0.00	319,600	0.00	171,000	0.00	319,600	0.00
TOTAL	171,000	0.00	319,600	0.00	171,000	0.00	319,600	0.00

The Governor recommends the following measures related to court interpreters: (a) increasing funding for reimbursement of court interpreter costs incurred by the counties for interpreter services (\$110,600 in FY10 and \$196,400 in FY11); (b) increasing the reimbursement rate for mileage paid to court interpreters (\$60,400 in FY10 and \$123,200 in FY11); and (c) creating a two-year pilot project for state coordination, scheduling and payment of court interpreter services in Judicial Administrative District 7.

3. Standard Budget Adjustments

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY10		FY11		FY10		FY11	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	4,535,000	4.00	4,791,800	6.00	4,287,100	4.00	4,543,200	6.00
TOTAL	4,535,000	4.00	4,791,800	6.00	4,287,100	4.00	4,543,200	6.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the agency's base budget for: (a) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$3,854,000 in each year); and (b) ongoing s. 13.10 approvals and enacted legislation with delayed effective dates (\$433,100 and 4.0 FTE positions in FY10 and \$689,200 and 6.0 FTE positions in FY11).

ITEMS NOT APPROVED

The following requests are not included in the Governor's budget recommendations for the Circuit Courts.

Decision Item	Source of Funds	FY10		FY11	
		Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
4. Financial Assistance Programs	GPR	15,981,700	0.00	16,376,300	0.00
TOTAL OF ITEMS NOT APPROVED	GPR	15,981,700	0.00	16,376,300	0.00

