

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the state judicial system; revising the
 3 maximum annual budget amount for the Clerk of the Circuit
 4 Court, Hillsborough County; providing retroactive
 5 applicability; providing an effective date.

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 7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 9 Section 1. (1) (a) The Legislature finds that the use of
 10 estimates of prior year expenditures to establish maximum annual
 11 budgets for the 2004-2005 county fiscal year resulted in maximum
 12 annual budgets for some clerks of court which were less than the
 13 amounts they would have been if actual prior-year expenditures
 14 had been used.

15 (b) The Legislature further finds that the clerks of court
 16 perform duties critical to the operation of the judicial branch
 17 and that future maximum annual budgets for the clerks of court
 18 are based in part on their prior-year budgets.

19 (c) The Legislature further finds that the difference
 20 between establishing the maximum annual budget using estimated
 21 prior-year expenditures and using actual prior-year expenditures
 22 is significant for the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Hillsborough
 23 County.

24 (d) The Legislature further finds that basing, in part,
 25 future maximum annual budgets for the clerks of court on their
 26 prior-year budgets does not allow a clerk of court to take into
 27 account the costs resulting from independent pay and
 28 classification studies resulting from civil service action. The

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29 difference in expenditures between the approved maximum annual
30 budget expenditures and the increase in fixed costs that
31 resulted from a civil service study of positions and salaries
32 was significant for the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Hillsborough
33 County.

34 (2) Therefore, the maximum annual budget for the Clerk of
35 the Circuit Court, Hillsborough County, is increased by \$269,378
36 based upon the findings in paragraph (1)(c) and \$639,000 based
37 upon the findings in paragraph (1)(d) for the 2004-2005 county
38 fiscal year and all county fiscal years thereafter.

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.