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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the state judicial system;  
revising the maximum annual budget amount for  
the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Hillsborough  
County; providing retroactive applicability;  
providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

(d) The Legislature further finds that basing, in part, future maximum annual budgets for the clerks of court on their prior-year budgets does not allow a clerk of court to take into account the costs resulting from independent pay and classification studies resulting from civil service action. The difference in expenditures between the approved maximum annual budget expenditures and the increase in fixed costs

1 that resulted from a civil service study of positions and  
2 salaries was significant for the Clerk of the Circuit Court,  
3 Hillsborough County.

4 (2) Therefore, the maximum annual budget for the Clerk  
5 of the Circuit Court, Hillsborough County, is permanently  
6 increased by \$269,378 based upon the findings in paragraph  
7 (1)(c) and \$639,000 based upon the findings in paragraph  
8 (1)(d) for the 2004-2005 county fiscal year and all county  
9 fiscal years thereafter.

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

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14 SENATE SUMMARY

15 Increases the maximum annual budget amount for the Clerk  
16 of the Circuit Court, Hillsborough County, by \$908,378.

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