

**Department 180 - Judicial Branch**  
**Senate Bill No. 2002**

|                                      | <b>FTE Positions</b> | <b>General Fund</b> | <b>Other Funds</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 2001-03 Schafer Executive Budget     | 343.00               | \$54,705,850        | \$2,217,821        | \$56,923,671 |
| 1999-2001 Legislative Appropriations | 351.00               | 40,640,576          | 1,049,943          | 41,690,519   |
| Increase (Decrease)                  | (8.00)               | \$14,065,274        | \$1,167,878        | \$15,233,152 |

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| 2001-03 Hoeven Executive Budget       | 343.00 | \$54,705,850 | \$2,217,821 | \$56,923,671 |
| Hoeven Increase (Decrease) to Schafer | 0.00   | \$0          | \$0         | \$0          |

**Major Schafer Recommendations Affecting Judicial Branch 2001-03 Budget**

|   | <b>General Fund</b> | <b>Other Funds</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1. Provides for the following Supreme Court changes:  |                     |                    |              |
| a. Provides funding for an 11 percent salary increase for the Supreme Court justices for the first year of the biennium and a two percent increase for the second year. (The Senate decreased funding by \$22,837, to \$103,589, to adjust the salary increase for Supreme Court justices to a 6.5 percent increase for each year of the biennium.) | \$126,426           |                    | \$126,426    |
| b. Increases operating expenses primarily for operation of the law library.   | \$109,897           |                    | \$109,897    |
| c. Decreases funding for former justices' retirement.   | (\$67,791)          |                    | (\$67,791)   |
| 2. Provides for the following district court changes:   |                     |                    |              |
| a. Provides funding for an 11 percent salary increase for the district court judges for the first year of the biennium and a two percent increase for the second year. (The Senate decreased funding by \$190,925, to \$801,654, to adjust the salary increase for district court judges to a 6.5 percent increase for each year of the biennium.)  | \$992,579           |                    | \$992,579    |
| b. Eliminates 2 FTE positions, including one judgeship (the number of judges needed to be reduced to 42 by January 2, 2001).  | (\$275,435)         |                    | (\$275,435)  |
| c. Adds the following 4 new FTE positions:  |                     |                    |              |
| 1.00 FTE other - Not classified (legal assistant)   | \$38,271            | \$38,271           | \$76,542     |
| .50 FTE other - Not classified (district court secretary)   | \$40,137            |                    | \$40,137     |
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| 1.00 FTE other - Not classified (computer support position)   | \$84,063            |                    | \$84,063     |
| 1.00 FTE other - Not classified (juvenile court officer)  | \$84,063            |                    | \$84,063     |
| d. Increases operating expenses primarily in the areas of information technology contractual services (\$338,422), operating fees and services (\$599,054), and professional services (\$426,961)   | \$842,314           | \$437,581          | \$1,279,895  |
| e. Increases funding for former judges' retirement  | \$63,820            |                    | \$63,820     |
| 3. No significant changes for the Judicial Conduct Commission and Disciplinary Board.   |                     |                    |              |
| 4. Provides for the following clerk of district court changes:  |                     |                    |              |
| a. Eliminates 10 FTE positions and increases funding for the clerk of district court unification. (The Senate removed funding for collection of restitution in the amount of \$638,973.)  | \$9,341,626         | \$750,000          | \$10,091,626 |

**Major Hoeven Recommendations Affecting Judicial Branch 2001-03 Budget  
Compared to the Bill as Introduced (Schafer Budget)**

The Hoeven executive budget did not change the Schafer executive budget recommendation.

**Major Legislation Affecting the Judicial Branch**

Senate Bill No. 2081 establishes an application fee for indigent defense and provides a continuing appropriation for all moneys collected. (This bill has been passed by the Senate.)

Senate Bill No. 2083 provides changes for judges' retirement benefits. (This bill has been passed by both the Senate and the House.)

Senate Bill No. 2383 increases the compensation for district court jurors from \$25 to \$50 for each day subsequent to the first day of jury duty. (This bill has been passed by the Senate.)

**Summary of Legislative Changes Resulting From First House Action**

See Statement of Purpose of Amendment (attached).