



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

October 28, 2003

**S. 1561**

**A bill to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the  
District of Columbia**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs  
on October 22, 2003*

S. 1561 would amend the District of Columbia Code to increase the number of associate judges on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia from 58 to 61. Under current law, the Superior Court is subject to a cap of 58 judgeships. Based on information from the Superior Court, CBO estimates that increasing the cap on judgeships to 61 would cost about \$1 million a year for salaries and benefits of additional judges and support staff, subject to appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 1561 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandate Reform Act, and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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