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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Rhoades and members of the House Appropriations Committee
From: Jill Ann Wolters, Senior Assistant Revisor
Date: March 1, 2012
Subject: HB2746, concerning the Court of Appeals

House Bill No. 2746 delays the 14th judge position of the Court of Appeals from January, 2013 to January, 2014.

In 2001, the legislature expanded the Court of Appeals from 10 judges to 14 judges. The expansion was to begin in 2003, and expand each year until reaching 14 members. Position no. 11 was appointed in 2003. During the 2003 session, the legislature passed a bill to delay position no. 12 to 2005, no. 13 to 2006 and no. 14 to 2007. Position no. 12 was appointed in 2005. During the 2005 session, the legislature passed a bill to delay position no. 13 to 2007 and no. 14 to 2008. During the 2006 session, the legislature again delayed both positions a year. Position no. 13 was appointed in 2008. During the 2008 session, the legislature passed a bill to delay position no. 14 to 2010. Since then, the legislature has continued to delay the 14th judge position on the Court of Appeals.