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Rep. Dixon Seeks to Relieve Burden on Greene Co. Courts

Jefferson City, MO — Limited resources and a growing population have forced courts in the 31st Judicial Circuit (Greene County) to labor under increasingly greater caseloads. Legislation filed this week by Rep. Bob Dixon (R-Springfield) would authorize the addition of one circuit court judge in the 31st Judicial Circuit.

“Courts in Greene County must have the resources necessary to meet the demands being placed on them,” stated Rep. Dixon. “Justice cannot be administered fairly if there are too few judges to handle the expanding workload. House Bill 1629 begins to address a mounting problem before it becomes too large.”

A 2004 study revealed that Greene County ranked near the top in numerous categories, including population per judge, filings per judge, and jury trials. Recent statewide studies have not shown the situation to be improving.

“Representative Dixon should be commended for his efforts to ensure that the court system in Greene County is adequately staffed,” declared Steven Garner, president of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association. “The legal community is very appreciative and all citizens should be. The recent judicial workload study showed that Greene County was in great need of an additional judge. Thankfully, Rep. Dixon has taken action. His efforts to guarantee that citizens in this county have access to a strong, efficient judiciary are appreciated. There is an old saying, ‘Justice delayed is justice denied’, and Rep. Dixon is trying to assure that no one is denied justice in Greene County.”

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