
2025 Judicial Resources Recommendations Report

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Good afternoon,

The 2025 Judicial Resources Recommendations (JRR) report is now available and will be sent to the Governor and Legislature this week.

The SCAO recommends that the Legislature

- Add 25 circuit court judgeships,
- Add 8 district court judgeships,
- Convert 1 district court judgeship to a circuit court judgeship,
- Convert 4 municipal court judgeships to district court judgeships and reduce 3 by attrition,
- Reduce 2 additional district judgeships by attrition,
- Reduce 1 part-time probate judgeship by attrition, and
- Consolidate or realign several courts.

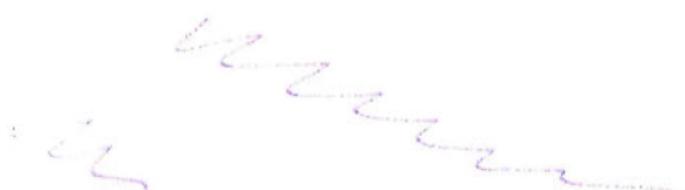
In 2024, judges participated in a time study as part of a weighted caseload study conducted by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) in conjunction with the Judicial Resources Advisory Committee (JRAC). Many judges also participated in Quality Adjustment Panels to account for additional time necessary for processing cases. NCSC's Final Report of the Michigan Trial Courts Judicial Weighted Caseload Study provides in-depth description of the project and contains the updated case weights.

The JRR report is available online at: https://www.courts.michigan.gov/4af444/siteassets/reports/judicial-resources/jrr_2025_final.pdf

The NCSC report is available online at: <https://www.courts.michigan.gov/4af44f/siteassets/reports/judicial-resources/ncsc-final-report-of-the-michigan-judicial-workload-assessment.pdf>

Thank you,

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Grosse Pointe Municipal Courts

There are four municipal courts in Michigan with a combined judicial need of 0.67. These municipal courts are the only remaining municipal courts in Michigan. They serve the cities of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms/Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Park, and Grosse Pointe Woods. All other municipal courts in Michigan were replaced with a district court.²² These municipalities, not the state, pay these judges. Each court has one part-time judge and less than a full-time judicial need.

Recommendation:

The SCAO recommends that the four municipal courts be consolidated into one new district court with four district judges. Additionally, the SCAO recommends that three of these judges be reduced through attrition.

Current Judgeships	4
2025 SCAO Recommendation	Convert 4 municipal judgeships to 4 district judgeships, then -3 district judgeships
Total Judgeships	1

The resulting workload per judge would be 67% if these courts were consolidated into a court with one district judgeship.

Courts, Jurisdictions, and Judgeships

Court	Jurisdiction	Current Judgeships
MGPW	City of Grosse Pointe Woods	1
MGPF	Cities of Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Shores	1
MGP	City of Grosse Pointe	1
MGPP	City of Grosse Pointe Park	1

History of Recommendation:

In 2013, the SCAO recommended that the municipal courts be consolidated into a new district court, or into the 32A District Court – Harper Woods.

Legislative Action Since 2001:

MCL 600.8121(17) established the thirty-second-b district consisting of the cities of Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe, and Grosse Pointe Farms. However, these local jurisdictions did not pass resolutions to convert to a district court.

²² The most recent conversion of a municipal court to a district court occurred when Public Act 681 of 2002 established the 38th District Court in the City of Eastpointe.

Municipal Court Filings

Year	Grosse Pointe Woods	Grosse Pointe Farms	Grosse Pointe City	Grosse Pointe Park
2019	1,740	3,083	970	3,072
2020	1,318	2,045	409	1,954
2021	1,295	3,025	398	2,267
2022	1,327	4,495	381	1,849
2023	1,625	3,356	381	1,610
2024	1,262	3,393	633	2,312

Municipal Court case counts exclude parking tickets (OK, SK)

Population

Year	Grosse Pointe Woods	Grosse Pointe Farms	Grosse Pointe City	Grosse Pointe Park
2010 Census	16,135	9,987	5,421	11,555
2020 Census	16,487	10,148	5,678	11,595
2024 Estimate	15,897	9,794	5,526	11,513

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division

PUBLIC ACT ____ OF 2026

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 1. Amendment to MCL 600.8121 (district descriptions; 32A and 32B)

Sec. 8121. (16) The thirty-second-a district consists of the city of Harper Woods, and the city of Grosse Pointe Woods, is a district of the third class, and has 1 judge.

(17) The thirty-second-b district consists of the cities of ~~Grosse Pointe Woods,~~ Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe, and Grosse Pointe Farms, and the village of Grosse Pointe Shores, is a district of the third class, and has 1 judge.

Sec. 2. Amendment to MCL 600.9928 (municipal court retention not to block 32A district court functioning)

Sec. 9928. (5) Subsection (1) does not apply to the thirty-second-a district described in section 8121(16).

Sec. 3. Amendment to 1956 PA 5 (Uniform Municipal Court Act) to abolish municipal court structure in Grosse Pointe Woods and provide transition

1956 PA 5, MCL 730.501 to 730.534, is amended by adding section 35 to read as follows:

Sec. 35. (1) Notwithstanding section 4 and any other provision of this act, a municipal court established, maintained, or operating in the city of Grosse Pointe Woods is abolished on the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section.

(2) On and after that effective date, the thirty-second-a district court described in section 8121(16) of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.8121, has and shall exercise the jurisdiction, powers, and duties that, immediately before that effective date, were vested in the municipal court described in subsection (1), including jurisdiction over violations of ordinances of the city of Grosse Pointe Woods and all civil and criminal matters within that court's jurisdiction.

(3) All actions and proceedings pending in that municipal court on the effective date are transferred to the thirty-second-a district court and shall proceed as if originally filed in that district court. All judgments, orders, probation, warrants, and other process issued by that municipal court before the effective date remain in effect and are enforceable by the thirty-second-a district court.

(4) The clerk or other officer having custody of the files, records, dockets, and property of that municipal court shall deliver them to the clerk of the thirty-second-a district court or as otherwise directed by the state court administrative office. Records so delivered shall be maintained as records of the district court.

(5) Any agreement described in section 9928(3) of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.9928, that provides for the municipal court described in subsection (1) to exercise jurisdiction and powers with respect to another city, or for another municipal court to exercise jurisdiction and powers with respect to the city of Grosse Pointe Woods, is terminated on the effective date. Jurisdiction for each affected city after that effective date is as otherwise provided by law.

(6) The abolition of the municipal court under subsection (1) does not impair the validity of any contract, obligation, or liability lawfully incurred before the effective date in connection with the operation of that municipal court.

(7) Nothing in this section creates a right to continued employment for any person employed by or providing services to the municipal court abolished under subsection (1).

Enacting section 1. Immediate effect

Enacting section 1. This act takes effect immediately.