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	Available for the Year			
	Ending June 30			
	2026		2027	
3.5	Sec. 2. <u>SUPREME COURT</u>	\$	<u>51,110,000</u>	\$ <u>52,319,000</u>
3.6	<u>(a) Contingent Account</u>			
3.7	\$5,000 each year is for a contingent account			
3.8	for expenses necessary for the normal			
3.9	operation of the court for which no other			
3.10	reimbursement is provided.			
3.11	<u>(b) Justices' Compensation</u>			
3.12	Justices' compensation is increased by one and			
3.13	one-half percent each year.			
3.14	<u>(c) Digital Accessibility</u>			
3.15	\$828,000 each year is for digital accessibility.			
3.16	This is a onetime appropriation.			

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2.18	Sec. 2. <u>SUPREME COURT</u>	\$	<u>58,753,000</u>	\$ <u>50,223,000</u>
2.19	<u>(a) Contingent Account</u>			
2.20	\$5,000 each year is for a contingent account			
2.21	for expenses necessary for the normal			
2.22	operation of the court for which no other			
2.23	reimbursement is provided.			
2.24	<u>(b) Digital Accessibility</u>			
2.25	\$1,124,000 the first year is to ensure equal			
2.26	access to online court resources. This			
2.27	appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.			
2.28	<u>(c) Court Cyber Security</u>			
2.29	\$3,500,000 the first year is for the judicial			
2.30	branch cyber security program. This			
2.31	appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.			

3.17	Sec. 3. BOARD OF CIVIL LEGAL AID	\$	<u>34,941,000</u>	\$	<u>35,467,000</u>
3.18	<u>The base for the Board of Civil Legal Aid is</u>				
3.19	<u>\$35,519,000 in fiscal year 2028 and</u>				
3.20	<u>\$35,520,000 in fiscal year 2029.</u>				
3.21	Sec. 4. COURT OF APPEALS	\$	<u>15,612,000</u>	\$	<u>15,969,000</u>
3.22	Judges' Compensation				
3.23	<u>Judges' compensation is increased by one and</u>				
3.24	<u>one-half percent each year.</u>				
3.25	Sec. 5. DISTRICT COURTS	\$	<u>405,511,000</u>	\$	<u>403,781,000</u>
3.26	(a) Forensic Examiner Rate Increase				
3.27	<u>\$2,685,000 each year is to increase the hourly</u>				
3.28	<u>rate paid to forensic examiners.</u>				
3.29	(b) Judges' Compensation				
3.30	<u>Judges' compensation is increased by one and</u>				
3.31	<u>one-half percent each year.</u>				
4.1	(c) Psychological Services				
4.2	<u>\$10,634,000 the first year is for the</u>				
4.3	<u>psychological and psychiatric examiner</u>				
4.4	<u>services program, which delivers statutorily</u>				
4.5	<u>mandated psychological examinations for civil</u>				
4.6	<u>commitment, criminal competency, and</u>				

2.32	(d) Justice Partner Access				
3.1	<u>\$4,000,000 the first year is to improve justice</u>				
3.2	<u>partner access to documents and court</u>				
3.3	<u>information. This appropriation is available</u>				
3.4	<u>until June 30, 2029.</u>				
3.23	Sec. 5. BOARD OF CIVIL LEGAL AID	\$	<u>35,353,000</u>	\$	<u>35,353,000</u>
3.5	Sec. 3. COURT OF APPEALS	\$	<u>15,578,000</u>	\$	<u>15,609,000</u>
3.6	Sec. 4. DISTRICT COURTS	\$	<u>407,318,000</u>	\$	<u>392,528,000</u>
3.15	(b) Interpreter Services				
3.16	<u>\$2,580,000 the first year is for mandated</u>				
3.17	<u>interpreter services. This appropriation is</u>				
3.18	<u>available until June 30, 2029.</u>				
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4.7 criminal responsibility evaluations. This
4.8 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.

4.9 Sec. 6. GUARDIAN AD LITEM BOARD \$ 25,867,000 \$ 26,120,000

4.10 Sec. 7. TAX COURT \$ 2,312,000 \$ 2,353,000

4.11 Sec. 8. UNIFORM LAWS COMMISSION \$ 115,000 \$ 115,000

4.12 Sec. 9. BOARD ON JUDICIAL STANDARDS \$ 655,000 \$ 666,000

4.13 (a) Availability of Appropriation
4.14 If the appropriation for either year is
4.15 insufficient, the appropriation for the other
4.16 fiscal year is available.

4.17 (b) Major Disciplinary Actions
4.18 \$125,000 each year is for special investigative
4.19 and hearing costs for major disciplinary
4.20 actions undertaken by the board. This
4.21 appropriation does not cancel. Any
4.22 unencumbered and unspent balances remain
4.23 available for these expenditures through June
4.24 30, 2027.

4.25 Sec. 10. BOARD OF PUBLIC DEFENSE \$ 165,459,000 \$ 166,842,000

4.26 Sec. 11. HUMAN RIGHTS \$ 8,959,000 \$ 9,030,000

3.13 criminal responsibility evaluations. This
3.14 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.

3.19 (c) Increased Cost of Jury Program
3.20 \$1,576,000 the first year is for increased costs
3.21 of jury programs. This appropriation is
3.22 available until June 30, 2029.

3.24 Sec. 6. GUARDIAN AD LITEM BOARD \$ 26,607,000 \$ 26,625,000

3.25 Volunteer Guardians ad Litem
3.26 \$229,000 the first year and \$247,000 the
3.27 second year are for supervising volunteer
3.28 guardians ad litem.

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4.12 2029.

4.13 Sec. 10. BOARD OF PUBLIC DEFENSE \$ 167,130,000 \$ 167,130,000

4.14 Sec. 11. HUMAN RIGHTS \$ 8,847,000 \$ 8,854,000

4.27	Sec. 12. <u>OFFICE OF APPELLATE COUNSEL</u>			
4.28	<u>AND TRAINING</u>	\$	<u>1,000,000</u>	\$ <u>1,361,000</u>
4.29	Sec. 13. <u>MINNESOTA COMPETENCY</u>			
4.30	<u>ATTAINMENT BOARD</u>	\$	<u>11,017,000</u>	\$ <u>11,137,000</u>
4.31	Sec. 14. <u>CANNABIS EXPUNGEMENT BOARD</u>	\$	<u>5,371,000</u>	\$ <u>5,386,000</u>
4.32	Sec. 15. <u>ATTORNEY GENERAL</u>	\$	<u>438,000</u>	\$ <u>438,000</u>
5.1	<u>Civil Commitment Coordinating Division</u>			
5.2	<u>\$438,000 each year is for the Civil</u>			
5.3	<u>Commitment Coordinating Division under</u>			
5.4	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 8.37.</u>			
5.5	Sec. 16. <u>SECRETARY OF STATE</u>	\$	<u>18,000</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>
5.6	<u>\$18,000 the first year is to implement</u>			
5.7	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 480.50, relating</u>			
5.8	<u>to judicial official data privacy for real</u>			
5.9	<u>property records.</u>			
5.10	Sec. 17. <u>OFFICE OF APPELLATE COUNSEL AND TRAINING; REDUCTION.</u>			
5.11	<u>The commissioner of management and budget shall reduce the appropriation to the</u>			
5.12	<u>Office of Appellate Counsel and Training for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 in Laws 2023,</u>			
5.13	<u>chapter 52, article 1, section 11, by \$2,000,000.</u>			
5.14	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE.</u> This section is effective the day following final enactment.			
5.15	Sec. 18. <u>MINNESOTA COMPETENCY ATTAINMENT BOARD; REDUCTION.</u>			
5.16	<u>The commissioner of management and budget shall reduce the appropriation to the</u>			
5.17	<u>Minnesota Competency Attainment Board for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 in Laws 2023,</u>			
5.18	<u>chapter 52, article 1, as amended by Laws 2023, chapter 73, section 3, by \$9,000,000.</u>			
5.19	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE.</u> This section is effective the day following final enactment.			

4.15	Sec. 12. <u>OFFICE OF APPELLATE COUNSEL</u>			
4.16	<u>AND TRAINING</u>	\$	<u>1,361,000</u>	\$ <u>1,361,000</u>
4.17	Sec. 13. <u>COMPETENCY ATTAINMENT</u>			
4.18	<u>BOARD</u>	\$	<u>10,900,000</u>	\$ <u>11,165,000</u>
4.19	Sec. 14. <u>CANNABIS EXPUNGEMENT BOARD</u>	\$	<u>5,356,000</u>	\$ <u>5,371,000</u>
4.20	Sec. 15. <u>SECRETARY OF STATE</u>	\$	<u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>18,000</u>
4.21	<u>Personal Information of Judicial Officials</u>			
4.22	<u>\$18,000 the second year is to protect personal</u>			
4.23	<u>information of judicial officials contained in</u>			
4.24	<u>real property records pursuant to Minnesota</u>			
4.25	<u>Statutes, section 480.50. This appropriation is</u>			
4.26	<u>onetime.</u>			
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4.31	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE.</u> This section is effective the day following final enactment.			
5.1	Sec. 17. <u>STATE COMPETENCY ATTAINMENT BOARD; REDUCTION.</u>			
5.2	<u>The commissioner of management and budget shall reduce the appropriation to the State</u>			
5.3	<u>Competency Attainment Board for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 in Laws 2023, chapter 52,</u>			
5.4	<u>article 1, as amended by Laws 2023, chapter 73, section 3, by \$11,000,000.</u>			
5.5	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE.</u> This section is effective the day following final enactment.			

5.20 Sec. 19. CANNABIS EXPUNGEMENT BOARD; REDUCTION.

5.21 The commissioner of management and budget shall reduce the appropriation to the
5.22 Cannabis Expungement Board for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 in Laws 2023, chapter 63,
5.23 article 9, section 4, by \$9,000,000.

5.24 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

5.25 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 357.021, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

5.26 Subd. 1a. Transmittal of fees to commissioner of management and budget. (a) Every
5.27 person, including the state of Minnesota and all bodies politic and corporate, who shall
5.28 transact any business in the district court, shall pay to the court administrator of said court
5.29 the sundry fees prescribed in subdivision 2. Except as provided in paragraph (d), the court
6.1 administrator shall transmit the fees monthly to the commissioner of management and budget
6.2 for deposit in the state treasury and credit to the general fund. \$30 \$60 of each fee collected
6.3 in a dissolution action under subdivision 2, clause (1), must be deposited by the commissioner
6.4 of management and budget in the special revenue fund and is appropriated to the
6.5 commissioner of employment and economic development for the Minnesota Family
6.6 Resiliency Partnership under section 116L.96.

6.7 (b) In a county which has a screener-collector position, fees paid by a county pursuant
6.8 to this subdivision shall be transmitted monthly to the county treasurer, who shall apply the
6.9 fees first to reimburse the county for the amount of the salary paid for the screener-collector
6.10 position. The balance of the fees collected shall then be forwarded to the commissioner of
6.11 management and budget for deposit in the state treasury and credited to the general fund.
6.12 In a county in a judicial district under section 480.181, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), which
6.13 has a screener-collector position, the fees paid by a county shall be transmitted monthly to
6.14 the commissioner of management and budget for deposit in the state treasury and credited
6.15 to the general fund. A screener-collector position for purposes of this paragraph is an
6.16 employee whose function is to increase the collection of fines and to review the incomes
6.17 of potential clients of the public defender, in order to verify eligibility for that service.

6.18 (c) No fee is required under this section from the public authority or the party the public
6.19 authority represents in an action for:

6.20 (1) child support enforcement or modification, medical assistance enforcement, or
6.21 establishment of parentage in the district court, or in a proceeding under section 484.702;

6.22 (2) civil commitment under chapter 253B;

5.6 Sec. 18. CANNABIS EXPUNGEMENT BOARD; REDUCTION.

5.7 The commissioner of management and budget shall reduce the appropriation to the
5.8 Cannabis Expungement Board for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 in Laws 2023, chapter 63,
5.9 article 9, section 4, by \$10,000,000.

5.10 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

5.11 Sec. 19. JUSTICE PARTNER ACCESS; FEE.

5.12 The Minnesota Judicial Branch may charge a fee to private attorneys for improved access
5.13 to documents and court information and retain any money collected. The fee may be imposed
5.14 by rule or policy.

6.23 (3) the appointment of a public conservator or public guardian or any other action under
6.24 chapters 252A and 525;

6.25 (4) wrongfully obtaining public assistance under section 256.98 or 256D.07, or recovery
6.26 of overpayments of public assistance;

6.27 (5) court relief under chapters 260, 260A, 260B, and 260C;

6.28 (6) forfeiture of property under sections 169A.63 and 609.531 to 609.5317;

6.29 (7) recovery of amounts issued by political subdivisions or public institutions under
6.30 sections 246.52, 252.27, 256.045, 256.25, 256B.042, 256B.14, 256B.15, 256B.37, 260B.331,
6.31 260C.331, and 518A.82, or other sections referring to other forms of public assistance;

6.32 (8) restitution under section 611A.04; or

7.1 (9) actions seeking monetary relief in favor of the state pursuant to section 16D.14,
7.2 subdivision 5.

7.3 (d) \$20 from each fee collected for child support modifications under subdivision 2,
7.4 clause (13), must be transmitted to the county treasurer for deposit in the county general
7.5 fund and \$35 from each fee shall be credited to the state general fund. The fees must be
7.6 used by the county to pay for child support enforcement efforts by county attorneys.

7.7 (e) No fee is required under this section from any federally recognized Indian Tribe or
7.8 its representative in an action for:

7.9 (1) child support enforcement or modification, medical assistance enforcement, or
7.10 establishment of parentage in the district court or in a proceeding under section 484.702;

7.11 (2) civil commitment under chapter 253B;

7.12 (3) the appointment of a public conservator or public guardian or any other action under
7.13 chapters 252A and 525; or

7.14 (4) court relief under chapters 260, 260A, 260B, 260C, and 260D.

7.15 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 357.021, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

7.16 Subd. 2. **Fee amounts.** The fees to be charged and collected by the court administrator
7.17 shall be as follows:

7.18 (1) In every civil action or proceeding in said court, including any case arising under
7.19 the tax laws of the state that could be transferred or appealed to the Tax Court, the plaintiff,
7.20 petitioner, or other moving party shall pay, when the first paper is filed for that party in said
7.21 action, a fee of ~~\$285~~ \$310, except in marriage dissolution actions the fee is ~~\$315~~ \$340.

7.22 The defendant or other adverse or intervening party, or any one or more of several
7.23 defendants or other adverse or intervening parties appearing separately from the others,
7.24 shall pay, when the first paper is filed for that party in said action, a fee of ~~\$285~~ \$310, except

7.25 in marriage dissolution actions the fee is ~~\$315~~ \$340. This subdivision does not apply to the
7.26 filing of an Application for Discharge of Judgment. Section 548.181 applies to an Application
7.27 for Discharge of Judgment.

7.28 The party requesting a trial by jury shall pay \$100.

7.29 The fees above stated shall be the full trial fee chargeable to said parties irrespective of
7.30 whether trial be to the court alone, to the court and jury, or disposed of without trial, and
7.31 shall include the entry of judgment in the action, but does not include copies or certified
8.1 copies of any papers so filed or proceedings under chapter 103E, except the provisions
8.2 therein as to appeals.

8.3 (2) Certified copy of any instrument from a civil or criminal proceeding, \$14.

8.4 (3) Issuing a subpoena, \$16 for each name.

8.5 (4) Filing a motion or response to a motion in civil, family, excluding child support, and
8.6 guardianship cases, ~~\$75~~ \$100.

8.7 (5) Issuing an execution and filing the return thereof; issuing a writ of attachment,
8.8 injunction, habeas corpus, mandamus, quo warranto, certiorari, or other writs not specifically
8.9 mentioned, \$55.

8.10 (6) Issuing a transcript of judgment, or for filing and docketing a transcript of judgment
8.11 from another court, \$40.

8.12 (7) Filing and entering a satisfaction of judgment, partial satisfaction, or assignment of
8.13 judgment, \$5.

8.14 (8) Certificate as to existence or nonexistence of judgments docketed, \$5 for each name
8.15 certified to.

8.16 (9) Filing and indexing trade name; or recording basic science certificate; or recording
8.17 certificate of physicians, osteopathic physicians, chiropractors, veterinarians, or optometrists,
8.18 \$5.

8.19 (10) For the filing of each partial, final, or annual account in all trusteeships, \$55.

8.20 (11) For the deposit of a will, \$27.

8.21 (12) For recording notary commission, \$20.

8.22 (13) Filing a motion or response to a motion for modification of child support, a fee of
8.23 \$50.

8.24 (14) All other services required by law for which no fee is provided, such fee as compares
8.25 favorably with those herein provided, or such as may be fixed by rule or order of the court.

8.26 (15) In addition to any other filing fees under this chapter, a surcharge in the amount of
8.27 \$75 must be assessed in accordance with section 259.52, subdivision 14, for each adoption
8.28 petition filed in district court to fund the fathers' adoption registry under section 259.52.

8.29 The fees in clauses (3) and (5) need not be paid by a public authority or the party the
8.30 public authority represents. No fee may be charged to view or download a publicly available
8.31 instrument from a civil or criminal proceeding or for an uncertified copy of that instrument.