

78A-2-113 Judicial hiring freeze authorized.

- (1) As used in this section, "General Fund budget deficit" means a situation where General Fund appropriations made by the Legislature for a fiscal year exceed the estimated revenues adopted by the Executive Appropriations Committee of the Legislature for the General Fund in that fiscal year.
- (2) During a General Fund budget deficit, the governor, president of the Senate, speaker of the House, and chief justice of the Supreme Court, may, by unanimous vote, implement a judicial hiring freeze for judicial vacancies for:
 - (a) a juvenile court district with three or more juvenile court judges;
 - (b) a district court district with three or more district court judges;
 - (c) all appellate court judges; or
 - (d) any combination of Subsections (2)(a) through (c).
- (3) In implementing a judicial hiring freeze, the governor, president of the Senate, speaker of the House, and chief justice of the Supreme Court shall:
 - (a) establish the length of that hiring freeze; and
 - (b) ensure that the hiring freeze lasts at least 90 days, but not longer than the last day of the annual general session of the Legislature.

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