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**Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 477 HLS 22RS 701**

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For: 

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**Dept./Agy.:** District Attorneys

**Subject:** Increases the number of A.D.A.s in certain districts

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**DISTRICT ATTORNEYS**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

**Proposed legislation provides for an additional 37 Assistant District Attorneys (A.D.A.s) for various judicial districts throughout Louisiana. The districts receiving additional A.D.A.s are as follows:**

- **1st (Caddo):** 8
- **5th (Franklin/Richland/W. Carroll):** 1
- **7th (Catahoula):** 1
- **14th (Calcasieu):** 1
- **15th (Acadia/Vermillion):** 9
- **16th (St. Martin/Iberia/St. Mary):** 2
- **18th (W. Baton Rouge):** 2
- **19th (E. Baton Rouge):** 6

Effective: August 1, 2022

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There will be an increase in SGF expenditures for the District Attorneys (Budget Unit 20-906) of $1.9 M in FY 23 and $2.1 M in FY 24 and future fiscal years. The legislature appropriates funds each year for the salaries for District Attorneys (D.A.) and Assistant District Attorneys (A.D.A.) and the employer contribution for retirement and medicare tax. The payroll expenditures for FY 23 are based upon 27 pay periods for FY 23, less the three pay periods in July 2022, due to the bill's effective date of August 1, 2022. The expenditures for FY 23 are as follows:

For 26 pay periods:

- **A.D.A. salaries**: $50,000 x 37 = $1,850,000
- **Retirement (Employer Share)**: $1,850,000 x 9.5% = $175,750
- **Medicare Taxes (Employer Share)**: $1,850,000 x 1.45% = $26,825

**Subtotal**: $2,052,575

For the 27th pay period in FY 23:

- **A.D.A. salaries**: $1,923.08 x 37 = $71,153.96 (bi-weekly pay for addtl A.D.A.s)
- **Retirement (Employer Share)**: $182.69 x 37 = $6,759.53 (bi-weekly retirement rate)
- **Medicare Taxes (Employer Share)**: $27.88 x 37 = $1,031.56 (bi-weekly medicare rate)

**Subtotal**: $78,945.05

**Reduction of 3 pay periods in July 2022**: ($236,835.15)

**Grand Total for FY 23**: $1,894,684.90

**Note:** The total payroll in FY 23 will be slightly higher than calculated due to August 1, 2022 falling in the middle of a pay period. The payroll expenditures will return to $2,052,575 in FY 24 - FY 27 due to the return of 26 pay periods.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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There will be an increase in local expenditures for each District Attorney’s office for the cost of group medical benefits, continuing education, bar dues, and other miscellaneous costs. The District Attorney’s Association estimates an approximate increase of 30% in expenditures for each local District Attorney office. Actual amounts will vary by district depending on benefit level and are estimated to result in total statewide costs of $555,000 annually. See below:

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Total: $555,000

Note: The provisions in the proposed law shall become effective upon a specific appropriation by the legislature for the additional positions.