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JUDGES/DISTRICT
Provides relative to the termination of an existing judicial section of the Juvenile Court for Orleans Parish

Proposed legislation eliminates a judgeship in the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court. The elimination will occur upon the next vacancy created by death, resignation, retirement, or removal.

There will be a decrease in SGF expenditures for the Louisiana Supreme Court (LSC) and local expenditures for the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court as the proposed legislation eliminates a judgeship upon the next vacancy created by death, resignation, retirement, or removal. Based on current salaries and current costs of related benefits, there will be a decrease in annual expenditures for LSC of approximately $250,427 for the salary and related benefits expenditures for the judgeship. There will be a decrease in annual expenditures for the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court of approximately $185,500 for the salary and related benefits expenditures for one case manager, one minute clerk, and one court reporter. There may also be a decrease in other ancillary operating expenses for the juvenile court with the reduction of these positions.

Note: There are currently five (5) juvenile court judges for the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court. All of their terms are for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2026. It is unknown when a judgeship will become vacant due to death, resignation, retirement, or removal. Therefore, it is unknown the fiscal year in which these savings will materialize.

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

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