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Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **SB 302** SLS 26RS 267

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: First Judicial District Court	Analyst: Elle Craft
Subject: Election of Judges to the First Judicial District Court	

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Provides for the election sections in the First Judicial District Court and for one judge to be elected at large. (gov sig)

Purpose of Bill: This bill provides for the restructuring of judicial elections within the First Judicial District Court, which solely encompasses Caddo Parish, by reallocating one judgeship seat (Division F) from Election Section Three to a district-wide at-large seat, resulting in four judges assigned to Election Section One, three judges to Election Section Two, three judges to Election Section Three, and one judge elected at large. This reallocation will take effect at the next regularly scheduled election following the vacancy of the Division F judgeship due to the currently serving judge's death, resignation, retirement, incapacity, or decision not to seek re-election. The total number of judges for the First Judicial District Court remains unchanged at eleven.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

An official with the First Judicial District Court (Court) indicated that this bill is not expected to impact the Court's expenditures, as both the number of judges and court operations are expected to remain unchanged.

An official with the Louisiana Secretary of State indicated that any costs associated with ballot changes for the new at-large seat are expected to be minimal.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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