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Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 217** HLS 23RS 565  
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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| <b>Dept./Agy.:</b> 19th Judicial District Court | <b>Analyst:</b> Jodie Debetaz |
| <b>Subject:</b> Commissioners                   |                               |

COURTS EG +\$456,800 LF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Provides relative to commissioners of the Nineteenth Judicial District Court

**Purpose of Bill:** This bill increases the number of commissioners for the 19th Judicial District Court (19th JDC) from two commissioners to four commissioners, and provides for the compensation of these additional commissioners. In addition, this bill changes the powers and duties for all commissioners within the 19th JDC.

| EXPENDITURES        | <u>2023-24</u>   | <u>2024-25</u>   | <u>2025-26</u>   | <u>2026-27</u>   | <u>2027-28</u>   | <u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u> |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 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         | \$456,800        | \$456,800        | \$456,800        | \$456,800        | \$456,800        | \$2,284,000          |
| <b>Annual Total</b> | <b>\$456,800</b> | <b>\$456,800</b> | <b>\$456,800</b> | <b>\$456,800</b> | <b>\$456,800</b> | <b>\$2,284,000</b>   |

  

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| Local Funds         | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0                  |
| <b>Annual Total</b> | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>           |

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

**This measure is expected to increase local government expenditures by approximately \$456,800 annually.**

Based on information from the Louisiana Supreme Court and the 19th JDC, it appears that this bill may increase expenditures for the 19th JDC by approximately \$456,800 annually for two new commissioners. Below is a breakdown of this expenditure increase.

Annual Cost per Commissioner

- \$146,100 Salary
- \$60,400 Employer Portion of Retirement Contribution
- \$14,000 Employer Share of Healthcare Premiums
- \$2,100 Employer Portion of Medicare
- \$5,800 Office and Travel Related Expenses

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 \$228,400 Total Annual Cost per Commissioner x 2 new commissioners = \$456,800 annual increase in expenditures

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

**There is no anticipated direct material affect on local 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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