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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **SB 7** SLS 241ES 3
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Redistricts the Louisiana Supreme Court to increase the composition of the court from seven to nine justices. (2/3 - CA5s4) (Item #3)(See Act)

Proposed law redraws boundaries for nine Supreme Court districts.

Proposed law is contingent on the adoption of the constitutional amendment to increase the number of Supreme Court Justices from seven to nine, as proposed in SB 6 of the 2024 1st Extraordinary Session.

EXPENDITURES	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>2027-28</u>	<u>2028-29</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	\$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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in a one-time increase in FY 24 SGF expenditures to the Department of State (DoS) to mail out notifications to registered voters about changes to the judicial districts. Based on conversations with DoS, the LFO estimates the costs of the notification card, printing, and postage at \$0.65 per notification. There are 2,976,797 voters in the state. The maximum cost exposure would thus equate to approximately \$1.9 M for notification cards, assuming every voter required notification. **DoS has indicated this cost would be incurred in FY 24 in preparation for the Fall election.**

During testimony the Secretary of State stated the intent to distribute notifications to every voter. The legislation does not appear to require such notification. To the extent that the department only sends notifications to those voters impacted by redistricting, costs will decrease accordingly. The table below represents the potential costs based on the potential number of voters impacted by the redistricting of the Supreme Court.

Percentage of Voters	Number of Voters	Potential Cost
100%	2,976,797	\$1,934,918
75%	2,232,598	\$1,451,189
50%	1,488,399	\$967,459
25%	744,199	\$483,730
10%	297,680	\$193,492

This fiscal note assumes the Department of State will send out all notifications when the law becomes effective. To the extent the Department of State is able to defer costs over multiple fiscal years the estimated costs will decrease accordingly.

Proposed law may also result in a minimal increase in programming costs for the Department of State to update voting machines to reflect the new judicial districts. This cost can likely be absorbed within the department's existing operating budget.

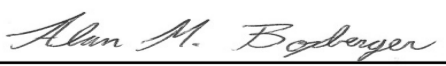
The costs to increase the number of supreme court justices is contemplated in the fiscal note for SB 6.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate
 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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