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<b>Subject:</b> Suspension or removal of District Attorneys and Judges	

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Constitutional amendment to allow the governor to recommend the suspension or removal of a district attorney and certain judges under certain circumstances. (2/3 - CA13s1(A))

Proposed constitutional amendment allows the governor to issue an executive order recommending either the suspension or both the suspension and removal of a district attorney or a district, juvenile, family, or municipal court judge for malfeasance, gross misconduct, or incompetence while in office. Provides that a suspension must be with pay and for no longer than six months. Provides that the Senate may, by a two-thirds majority vote, affirm the recommended suspension. and permits such a vote to be conducted via written ballot. Provides that if the executive order recommends suspension and removal, and the suspension is affirmed, any member of the Senate may make a motion to remove the suspended official. If the motion passes the Senate by a simple majority vote, the Senate must conduct a trial according to the rules of the Senate. Following a trial, with a two-thirds majority vote, the Senate can remove the suspended official. Provides that any district attorney or a district, juvenile, family, or municipal court judge who is removed is permanently barred from seeking any judicial office in the state of Louisiana. To be submitted to the electors at the statewide election to be held on 4/17/27.

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

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed constitutional amendment may result in additional state and local expenditures, primarily as a result of providing suspensions with pay for up to six months for impacted district attorneys and judges. Any increase is indeterminable but will be dependent on the number of instances an individual in office is suspended, the length of time of such suspension, and the rate of pay for that individual. Additional expenditures may be realized for per diem and travel expenses for any trial held in relation to proposed legislation outside of a regular legislative session.

To the extent the Senate votes to affirm a suspension and a subsequent motion is approved to remove the suspended individual from their office, requiring in-person trials held outside of a legislative session, additional legislative expenditures are anticipated. If such events are held during a legislative session, the anticipated expenditures outlined below will be mitigated. Actual impacts will be dependent on the number of officials suspended each year and the number of approved Senate motions for removal that require a trial. Impacts are expected to be relatively low, though they could increase exponentially if multiple officials are suspended and/or removed in the same fiscal year.

Legislators are eligible to receive per diem and travel reimbursements for meetings held outside of legislative sessions. While the proposed constitutional amendment does not directly address whether these payments will be offered in the event a trial is held, for the purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed they would and the current per diem rate of \$178 is used to determine potential expenditures. If all 39 state senators attend a trial, the per diem cost is expected to total \$6,942. Actual per diem costs will be dependent on the per diem rate in effect at the time of a trial, the number and duration of any trials held and the number of senators who attend. In addition to per diem, senators are eligible to receive travel reimbursements. Currently, the reimbursement rate for mileage is \$0.725 per mile. Actual expenditures for travel are dependent on the number and duration of any trials they attended and the actual reimbursement rate for mileage in effect at the time of a trial.

Note: In certain circumstances, the Secretary of State may incur minimal ballot processing costs associated with this measure. As a regular practice, the department budgets for up to 10 constitutional amendments and statewide propositions for the fall statewide elections. To the extent the ballot includes more than 10 constitutional amendments and statewide propositions, the Secretary of State may require additional SGF resources for the 4/17/27 statewide election. Any expenditure impact would be realized in FY 27.

**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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