



**OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 443** HLS 26RS 225

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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

COURTS OR +\$284,457 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides relative to the election sections for judgeship of the second district of the First Circuit Court of Appeal

Purpose of Bill: This bill provides for the redistricting of the second district of the First Circuit Court of Appeal, which solely encompasses East Baton Rouge Parish. It splits the district into two election sections and defines boundaries of these sections, and allocates the district's four judgeships equally between these two election sections. The total number of judges for the second district of the First Circuit Court of Appeal remains unchanged at four.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$284,457	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$284,457
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	\$284,457	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$284,457

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase state general fund expenditures of the Louisiana Secretary of State's Office by approximately \$284,457 in FY 2026-2027.

An official with the Louisiana Secretary of State's Office indicated that due to the proposed changes, voter notification cards would need to be printed and mailed to an estimated 287,330 registered voters in East Baton Rouge Parish. This official estimated the cost of printing and mailing each card at \$0.99. Therefore, this bill may increase state general fund expenditures of the Louisiana Secretary of State's Office by approximately \$284,457 (287,330 voters x \$0.99 per notification) in FY 2026-27. The Louisiana Secretary of State's Office can only provide an estimate of the number of registered voters as voter counts fluctuate over time. According to the Secretary of State's Office, this expenditure increase would require additional state general fund appropriations to be made to the Secretary of State's Office.

An official with the First Circuit Court of Appeal indicated no fiscal impact as a result of this measure.

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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