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Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 442** HLS 26RS 224

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: East Baton Rouge Family Court	Analyst: Barry Kelly
Subject: Election of Judges to the East Baton Rouge Family Court	

COURTS OR +\$284,457 SG EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides relative to election sections for judgeship of the family court for East Baton Rouge Parish

Purpose of Bill: This bill provides for the redistricting of the three election sections of the East Baton Rouge Parish Family Court. It redefines the boundaries for the court's three election sections, assigns specific judicial divisions to those sections while preserving the current judge count for each, and provides that currently elected judges may serve out the remainder of their terms. The total number of judges for the East Baton Rouge Family Court 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

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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.

Officials with the Louisiana Supreme Court and the East Baton Rouge Family Court indicated that this bill would have no impact on the expenditures of their respective entities.

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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