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Fiscal Note

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Opp. Chamb. Action:
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Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Assistant District Attorney Positions

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS RE INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 2
Provides for the omnibus new assistant district attorney positions for various judicial districts in the state. (8/1/14)

Purpose of Bill: This bill increases the minimum number of assistant district attorneys in 12 judicial districts by a total of 14 positions as follows: (1) 5th JDC from 6 to 7; (2) 6th JDC from 7 to 8; (3) 7th JDC from 5 to 6; (4) 14th JDC from 23 to 24; (5) 16th JDC from 21 to 22; (6) 19th JDC from 48 to 50; (7) 20th JDC from 5 to 6; (8) 21st JDC from 18 to 19; (9) 24th JDC from 52 to 54; (10) 29th JDC from 9 to 10; (11) 36th JDC from 4 to 5; (12) 37th JDC from 2 to 3.

The provisions of this bill shall become operative if, and only if, it is funded from the amount of State General Fund (Direct) or State General Fund by Statutory Dedications contained in House Bill No. 1 of the 2014 Regular Session as received in the Senate on May 12, 2014, or if the source of funding is from local or other sources to be used to fund such additional twenty-two assistant district attorney positions.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase state general fund expenditures by approximately \$683,000 annually. In addition, this bill may decrease overall local governmental expenditures by an average of \$96,000 annually.

State Expenditure Impact

This bill may increase state expenditures related to assistant district attorney employment costs (i.e., supplemental pay, retirement, and medicare) by approximately \$626,000 for fiscal year 2014-15 (11 months) and \$683,000 annually thereafter.

Local Government Expenditure Impact

The information below describes the various impacts on the 12 District Attorneys' offices included in this bill. The bill's impact varies among the DA offices (i.e., expenditures could increase, decrease, or stay the same). However, the overall impact appears to be a decrease, averaging \$96,000 per year.

1) 5th Judicial District District Attorney (Parishes of Franklin, Richland, and West Carroll) - This bill may increase local governmental employment expenditures (e.g., health insurance) by approximately \$11,700 for fiscal year 2014-15 and \$16,100 by fiscal year 2018-19.

2) 6th Judicial District District Attorney (Parishes of East Carroll, Madison, and Tensas) - This bill may increase local governmental employment expenditures by approximately \$11,700 for fiscal year 2014-15 and \$16,100 by fiscal year 2018-19.

3) 7th Judicial District District Attorney (Parishes of Catahoula and Concordia) - This bill may increase local governmental employment expenditures (i.e., health insurance and continuing education) by approximately \$5,300 for fiscal year 2014-15 and by \$5,800 annually thereafter.

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REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

- Senate Dual Referral Rules House [X] 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
[X] 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} [ ] 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S}
[ ] 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} [ ] 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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Local Government Expenditure Impact (Continued)

4) 14th Judicial District District Attorney (Calcasieu Parish) - This bill may increase local governmental employment expenditures (e.g., additional salary) by approximately \$15,200 for fiscal year 2014-15 and by \$16,600 annually thereafter.

5) 16th Judicial District District Attorney (Parishes of Iberia, St. Martin, and St. Mary) - This bill may increase local governmental employment expenditures (e.g., additional salary) by approximately \$18,900 for fiscal year 2014-15 and \$27,500 by fiscal year 2018-19.

6) 19th Judicial District District Attorney (East Baton Rouge Parish) - It appears that the additional assistant district attorney positions provided for this DA's office will not impact local governmental expenditures.

7) 20th Judicial District District Attorney (Parishes of East Feliciana and West Feliciana) - This bill may increase local governmental employment expenditures (e.g., retirement) by approximately \$5,300 for fiscal year 2014-15 and by \$5,800 annually thereafter.

8) 21st Judicial District District Attorney (Parishes of Livingston, St. Helena, and Tangipahoa) - This bill may increase local governmental employment expenditures (e.g., additional salary) by approximately \$14,100 for fiscal year 2014-15 and \$18,100 by fiscal year 2018-19.

9) 24th Judicial District District Attorney (Jefferson Parish) - This DA's office has more assistant district attorneys than the minimum provided for in current law. The increase in the minimum number of positions provided by this bill will increase the amount of payments made by the State for positions currently paid using local funds. Therefore, this bill may decrease local governmental employment expenditures by \$89,500 for fiscal year 2014-15 and by \$97,600 annually thereafter as employment expenditures start to be paid by the State.

10) 29th Judicial District District Attorney (St. Charles Parish) - This DA's office has more assistant district attorneys than the minimum provided for in current law. The increase in the minimum number of positions provided by this bill will increase the amount of payments made by the State for positions currently paid using local funds. Therefore, this bill may decrease local governmental employment expenditures by \$44,700 for fiscal year 2014-15 and by \$48,800 annually thereafter as employment expenditures start to be paid by the State.

11) 36th Judicial District District Attorney (Beauregard Parish) - This DA's office has more assistant district attorneys than the minimum provided for in current law. The increase in the minimum number of positions provided by this bill will increase the amount of payments made by the State for positions currently paid using local funds. Therefore, this bill may decrease local governmental employment expenditures by up to \$44,700 for fiscal year 2014-15 and by \$48,800 annually thereafter as employment expenditures start to be paid by the State.

12) 37th Judicial District District Attorney (Caldwell Parish) - It appears that the additional assistant district attorney position provided for this DA's office will not impact local governmental expenditures.

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