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<b>Subject:</b> Increases the number of A.D.A.s in certain districts		<b>Analyst:</b> Rebecca Robinson

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS RE2 +\$2,592,390 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 2  
 Provides for new assistant district attorney positions for various judicial districts in the state

Proposed legislation provides for an additional 45 Assistant District Attorneys (A.D.A.s) for various judicial districts throughout Louisiana. The districts receiving additional A.D.A.s are as follows:

1st (Caddo): 8	19th (E. Baton Rouge): 7	36th (Beauregard): 1
5th (Franklin/Richard/W. Carroll): 1	21st (Livingston/St. Helena/Tangipahoa): 1	37th (Caldwell): 1
7th (Catahoula): 1	24th (Jefferson): 2	
12th (Avoyelles): 1	26th (Bossier): 1	
14th (Calcasieu): 2	27th (St. Landry): 1	
15th (Acadia/Vermillion): 9	29th (St. Charles): 1	
16th (St. Martin/Iberia/St. Mary): 2	32nd (Terrebonne): 2	
18th (W. Baton Rouge): 3	34th (St. Bernard): 1	

EXPENDITURES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$2,592,390	\$2,496,375	\$2,496,375	\$2,496,375	\$2,496,375	\$12,577,890
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	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
<b>Annual Total</b>						

REVENUES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Annual Total</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There will be an increase in SGF expenditures for the District Attorneys (Budget Unit 20-906) of \$2.6 M in FY 23 and \$2.5 M in FY 24 and future fiscal years. The legislature appropriates funds each year for the salaries for District Attorneys (D.A.) and Assistant District Attorneys (A.D.A.) and the employer contribution for retirement and medicare tax. The payroll expenditures for FY 23 are based upon 27 pay periods. The expenditures for FY 23 are as follows:

For 26 pay periods:

A.D.A. salaries	\$50,000 x 45 =	\$2,250,000
Retirement (Employer Share)	\$2,250,000 x 9.5% =	\$213,750
Medicare Taxes (Employer Share)	\$2,250,000 x 1.45% =	\$32,625
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$2,496,375</b>

For the 27th pay period in FY 23:

A.D.A. salaries	\$1,923.08 x 45 =	\$86,539	(bi-weekly pay for addtl A.D.A.s)
Retirement (Employer Share)	\$182.69 x 45 =	\$8,221	(bi-weekly retirement rate)
Medicare Taxes (Employer Share)	\$27.88 x 45 =	\$1,255	(bi-weekly medicare rate)
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$96,015</b>	

**Grand Total for FY 23** **\$2,592,390**

**Note:** The payroll expenditures will return to \$2,496,375 in FY 24 - FY 27 due to the return of 26 pay periods.

**Note:** The LFO assumes a July 1, 2022 effective date for all 45 warrants. However, 8 of those warrants are pending approval by the Governor's Advisory and Review Commission on Assistant District Attorneys. The FY 23 grand total payroll of \$2.6 M would be reduced by the bi-weekly amount for the 8 warrants (\$17,070) until the warrants are approved.

**[EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION CONTINUED ON PAGE 2]**

**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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There will be an increase in local expenditures for each District Attorney's office for the cost of group medical benefits, continuing education, bar dues, and other miscellaneous costs. The District Attorney's Association estimates an approximate increase of 30% in expenditures for each local District Attorney office. Actual amounts will vary by district depending on benefit level and are estimated to result in total statewide costs of \$660,000 annually. See below.

<b>District</b>	<b>Increased # of A.D.A.s</b>	<b>Total Salary Increase</b>	<b>% for Local Expenditures</b>	<b>Total Local Expenditures</b>
1st	8	\$400,000	30%	\$120,000
5th	1	\$50,000	30%	\$15,000
7th	1	\$50,000	30%	\$15,000
12th	1	\$50,000	30%	\$15,000
14th	2	\$50,000	30%	\$15,000
15th	9	\$450,000	30%	\$135,000
16th	2	\$100,000	30%	\$30,000
18th	3	\$100,000	30%	\$30,000
19th	7	\$300,000	30%	\$90,000
21st	1	\$50,000	30%	\$15,000
24th	2	\$100,000	30%	\$30,000
26th	1	\$50,000	30%	\$15,000
27th	1	\$50,000	30%	\$15,000
29th	1	\$50,000	30%	\$15,000
32nd	1	\$50,000	30%	\$15,000
34th	1	\$50,000	30%	\$15,000
36th	1	\$50,000	30%	\$15,000
<u>37th</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>30%</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$660,000</b>

**Note: The District Attorneys and Assistant District Attorneys (Budget Unit 20-906) were appropriated \$2.5 M in the Senate Finance Committee Amendments to HB 1 for the purpose of funding the requirements of the proposed legislation.**

Senate      Dual Referral Rules  
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