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Fiscal Note On: **SB 6** SLS 241ES 24
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 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Supreme Court	
Subject: Increases the number of Supreme Court Justices	Analyst: Kimberly Fruge

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 Constitutional Amendment to increase the composition of the Louisiana Supreme Court. (Items #4, 5, and 13)(2/3 - CA13s1 (A))
 Proposed constitutional amendment increases the composition of the Louisiana Supreme Court from six associate justices to eight (plus the Chief Justice), five of whom must concur to render judgment. Proposed constitutional amendment provides a proposition to be placed on the ballot for the statewide election held on November 5, 2024, for the voters to approve.
 A companion bill (SB 7) establishes the nine election districts for the election of justices to the Supreme Court.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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						
REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed constitutional amendment will result in a significant increase for the Louisiana Supreme Court if this constitutional amendment is approved by the voters in November 2024. If approved, the Supreme Court will increase its associate justices from six to eight. The addition of two justices will require six additional law clerks and two administrative assistants. In addition, the Supreme Court will incur one-time costs for renovations of the office space to accommodate the new staff as well as acquisition costs for computers, office furniture, and other miscellaneous equipment as well as supplies.

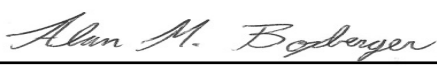
Initial estimates from the Supreme Court indicate a cost of \$1.1 M in FY 25 and a five-year total of approximately \$8.6 M. The LFO is still awaiting a break down of costs by fiscal year. Costs are anticipated to be approximately \$2 M annually. Once the LFO receives feedback from the Supreme Court, this fiscal note will be updated accordingly.

The Secretary of State may incur minimal ballot processing costs associated with this measure. As a regular practice, the Secretary of State typically 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 November 5, 2024, statewide election. Any expenditure impact would be realized in FY 25.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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