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**Fiscal Note**

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 Redistricts the Louisiana Supreme Court to increase the composition of the court from seven to nine justices. (2/3 - CA5s4) (Item #3)(See Act)  
 Proposed law redraws boundaries for nine Supreme Court districts.

Proposed law is contingent on the adoption of the constitutional amendment to increase the number of Supreme Court Justices from seven to nine, as proposed in SB 6 of the 2024 1st Extraordinary Session.

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State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	\$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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in a one-time increase in SGF expenditures to the Department of State (DoS) to mail out notifications to registered voters about changes to the judicial districts. Based on conversations with DoS, the LFO estimates the costs of the notification card, printing, and postage at \$0.65 per notification. There are an estimated 2.9 M voters in the state. The maximum cost exposure would thus equate to approximately \$1.89 M in FY 25 for notification cards, assuming every voter required notification. The table below represents the potential costs based on the potential number of voters impacted by the redistricting of the Supreme Court.

Percentage of Voters	Number of Voters	Potential Cost
75%	2,175,000	\$1,413,750
50%	1,450,000	\$942,500
25%	725,000	\$471,250
10%	290,000	\$188,500

This fiscal note assumes the Department of State will send out all notifications when the law becomes effective. To the extent the Department of State is able to defer costs over multiple fiscal years the estimated costs will decrease accordingly.

Proposed law may also result in a minimal increase in programing costs for the Department of State to update voting machines to reflect the new judicial districts. This cost can likely be absorbed within the department's existing operating budget.

The Department of State is working to get estimates of any potential costs related to notification of changes to the Supreme Court districts and any additional costs that may be related to updating the judicial districts. Once the LFO receives feedback from the department, the fiscal note will be updated accordingly.

The costs to increase the number of supreme court justices from seven to nine is contemplated in the fiscal note for SB 6.

**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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