

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 178** SLS 24RS 546

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Secretary of State/Supreme Court	Analyst: Kimberly Fruge
Subject: Removes Supreme Court Districts	

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Constitutional amendment to provide for statewide districts and election of the chief justice for the Louisiana Supreme Court. (2/3 - CA13s1(A))

Proposed constitutional amendment eliminates supreme court districts and provides for statewide election of supreme court justices. In addition, proposed constitutional amendment requires the chief justice be selected by a majority vote of the justices. Under current law, the chief justice is the judge with the longest point of service on the supreme court.

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.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	\$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
Annual Total		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed constitutional amendment may result in a minimal increase in programming costs for the Department of State to update voting machines for statewide judicial elections and can likely be absorbed within the department's existing operating budget.

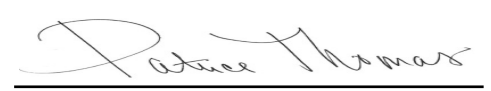
The Department of State may incur minimal ballot processing costs associated with this measure. As a regular practice, the Department of State typically budgets for up to 10 constitutional amendments and statewide propositions for the fall statewide elections. To the extent the ballot includes more than 10 constitutional amendments and statewide propositions, the Department 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.

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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