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Subject: Judicial Compensation	

JUDGES OR +\$2,432,870 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides with respect to judicial compensation

Current law provides that the actual salary of the judges of the supreme court, courts of appeal, and district courts shall be increased by 2.5% on July first of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023; provides that the state-paid actual salary of the judges of city courts and parish courts shall be increased by 2.5% percent on July first of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023. Proposed law increases the actual salary of judges of the supreme court, courts of appeal, district courts, and the state-paid actual salary of parish courts and city courts shall be increased by 3 percent on July first of 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$2,432,870	\$2,505,856	\$2,581,032	\$2,658,463	\$0	\$10,178,221
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	\$2,432,870	\$2,505,856	\$2,581,032	\$2,658,463	\$0	\$10,178,221

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

The proposed legislation is anticipated to increase SGF expenditures in the Louisiana Supreme Court by \$2.4 M in FY 25, \$2.5 M in FY 26, \$2.6 M in FY 27, and \$2.7 M in FY 28 associated with an annual increase of 3% in base compensation each year for the next four years.

Proposed law increases the maximum base compensation by 3% annually for seven supreme court justices, 54 judges of the courts of appeal, 236 district court judges (including juvenile, family, and magistrate judges), 68 parish and city court judges, and seven judicial commissioners as follows:

Court	# Judges	Total Salaries	3% Annual Increase			
			FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28
Supreme Court	7	\$1,370,650	\$41,120	\$42,353	\$43,624	\$44,932
Courts of Appeal	54	\$9,873,597	\$296,208	\$305,094	\$314,247	\$323,674
District Court	236	\$41,279,693	\$1,238,391	\$1,275,543	\$1,313,809	\$1,353,223
Parish and City	68	\$3,881,487	\$116,445	\$119,938	\$123,536	\$127,242
Commissioners	7	\$857,442	\$25,723	\$26,495	\$27,290	\$28,109
	372	\$57,262,869	\$1,717,886	\$1,769,423	\$1,822,505	\$1,877,180
Total Related Benefits (41.62%)			<u>\$714,984</u>	<u>\$736,434</u>	<u>\$758,527</u>	<u>\$781,283</u>
Total Increase Salaries & Benefits			\$2,432,870	\$2,505,857	\$2,581,032	\$2,658,463

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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