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**Fiscal Note**

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Judiciary and Secretary of State	
<b>Subject:</b> Additional Judgeship - 23rd Judicial District Court	<b>Analyst:</b> Daniel Druilhet

JUDGES OR +\$231,442 EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Creates an additional judgeship for the 23rd Judicial District Court

Current law states that the 23rd Judicial District Court shall have five judges, one to be elected from section one, and four to be elected from section two. Proposed law adds one judgeship to the 23rd Judicial District Court, retains one judge to be elected from section one, and five five to be elected from section two.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$126,567	\$253,133	\$253,133	\$253,133	\$253,133	\$1,139,099
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$8,922	\$17,844	\$17,844	\$17,844	\$17,844	\$80,298
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$95,953	\$171,906	\$171,906	\$171,906	\$171,906	\$783,577
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$231,442</b>	<b>\$442,883</b>	<b>\$442,883</b>	<b>\$442,883</b>	<b>\$442,883</b>	<b>\$2,002,974</b>
REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	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>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will result in an increase of \$231,442 (\$221,442 in annual expenses and \$10,000 in one-time expenses) in FY 25 and will be annualized in future fiscal years. These expenses are associated with adding one judge within the 23rd Judicial District Court (Ascension Parish, Assumption Parish, and St. James Parish). The projected budget for the new judgeship is as follows:

\$81,194	(1) Judge Salary
\$6,300	Judge Supplemental Compensation
\$25,000	(1) Court Reporter Salary
\$25,000	(1) Legal Secretary Salary
\$72,023	Related Benefits
\$4,075	Travel
\$3,600	Vehicle Lease
\$2,500	Office Supplies
\$1,750	Insurance
\$10,000	Furniture (One-Time Expense in FY 25)
<b>\$231,442</b>	<b>Total FY 25*</b>


\*FY 25 represents 6 months of funding.

Note: The expenses will be funded with 57% SGF, 4% Statutory Dedications (Judges Supplemental Compensation Fund), and 39% Local Funds.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}	
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}	<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	

  
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