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 Proposed Amd.:
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JUDGES OR +\$231,442 EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Creates an additional judgeship for the 21st Judicial District Court

Current law provides that the 21st Judicial District Court shall have nine judges. Proposed law provides that the 21st Judicial District Court shall have 10 judges; provided that the additional judge added to the court in 2024 shall be elected from section two; provides that the individual to be elected to the additional judgeship shall be elected by Article V, Section 22 of the Constitution to a term beginning 1/01/25, with a term that expires at the same time as provided by law for other judges of the court; provides that successor to the judge shall be elected at the same time and in the same manner and serve the same term as provided by law for other judges of the court; provides that election section one consists of Tangipahoa, Livingston, and St. Helena Parish and that election section two consists of part of St. Helena Parish and part of Tangipahoa Parish.

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
Annual Total	\$231,442	\$442,883	\$442,883	\$442,883	\$442,883	\$2,002,974
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
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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 21st Judicial District Court, Section Two (Tangipahoa and St. Helena). The projected budget for the new judgeship is as follows:

\$81,194	Judge Salary (1)
\$6,300	Judge Supplemental Compensation
\$25,000	Court Reporter Salary (1)
\$25,000	Legal Secretary Salary (1)
\$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)
\$231,442	Total FY 25*

*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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