



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 759** HLS 24RS 1371  
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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Judiciary and 21st Judicial District Court	
<b>Subject:</b> Additional Judgeship for the 21st Judicial District Court	<b>Analyst:</b> John McKay

JUDGES OR +\$452,884 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.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$258,144	\$252,444	\$252,444	\$252,444	\$252,444	\$1,267,920
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$18,115	\$17,715	\$17,715	\$17,715	\$17,715	\$88,975
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$176,625	\$172,725	\$172,725	\$172,725	\$172,725	\$867,525
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$452,884</b>	<b>\$442,884</b>	<b>\$442,884</b>	<b>\$442,884</b>	<b>\$442,884</b>	<b>\$2,224,420</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 \$452,884 (\$442,884 in annual expenses and \$10,000 in one-time expenses) in FY 25. These expenses are associated with adding one judge within the 21st Judicial District Court. The projected budget for the new judgeship is as follows:

\$162,388	Judge Salary (1)
\$12,600	Judge Supplemental Compensation
\$50,000	Court Reporter Salary (1)
\$50,000	Legal Secretary Salary (1)
\$144,046	Related Benefits
\$8,150	Travel
\$7,200	Vehicle Lease
\$5,000	Office Supplies
\$3,500	Insurance
\$10,000	Furniture (One-Time Expense in FY 25)
\$452,884	Total FY 25


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.

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}

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 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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