



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

Fiscal Note On: **HB 747** HLS 24RS 1244  
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Judiciary		

JUDGES EG +\$6,990,110 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 1st 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 1st of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023. Proposed law increases the actual salary of judges of the supreme court by \$15,280, on 7/01/24, with a 4% annual increase on 7/01/25, 7/01/26, and 7/01/27; increases the salaries of the judges of the courts of appeal by \$17,680 on 7/01/24, with an annual 4% increase on 7/01/25, 7/01/26 and 7/01/27; increases the actual salary of the judges of the district courts by \$14,691 on 7/01/24, with a 4% annual increase on 7/01/25, 7/01/26, and 7/01/27; increases the state-paid actual salary of the judges of city courts and parish courts by 8.45% on 7/01/24, with an annual 4% increase on 7/01/25, 7/01/26, and 7/01/27; makes salary approvals contingent upon approval prior to each July 1st by the Louisiana Supreme Court and the Louisiana Judicial Budgetary Control Board, after each has made a determination regarding sufficiency of funding from the state and other sources to fund salary increases prior to the increases.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$6,990,110	\$3,312,115	\$3,444,599	\$3,582,383	\$0	\$17,329,207
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>\$6,990,110</b>	<b>\$3,312,115</b>	<b>\$3,444,599</b>	<b>\$3,582,383</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$17,329,207</b>

  

REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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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**

The proposed law is anticipated to increase SGF expenditures in the Louisiana Supreme Court by \$7 M in FY 25, \$3.3 M in FY 26, \$3.4 M in FY 27, and \$3.6 M in FY 28, associated with variable increases in FY 25, and annual increases of 4% in base compensation in FY 26 through FY 28.

Proposed law increases the maximum base compensation by \$15,280 for seven (7) supreme court justices, \$17,680 for 54 judges of the courts of appeal, \$14,691 for 236 district court judges (including juvenile, family, and magistrate judges), 8.45% for 68 parish and city court judges, and \$14,691 for seven judicial commissioners, effective July 1, 2024, with annual 4% increases thereafter for all judges, as follows:

	Current Salary	Added Salary	# of Judges	Total Salaries	Various		4% Annual Increase	
					FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28
<b>Supreme Court</b>	\$183,207	\$15,280	7	\$1,389,409	\$106,960	\$55,576	\$57,799	\$60,111
<b>Courts of Appeal</b>	\$176,792	\$17,680	54	\$10,501,488	\$954,720	\$420,060	\$436,862	\$454,336
<b>District Courts</b>	\$162,319	\$14,691	236	\$41,774,360	\$3,467,076	\$1,670,974	\$1,737,813	\$1,807,326
<b>Parish &amp; City Courts</b>	\$52,946	\$4,474	68	\$ 3,904,556	\$304,228	\$156,182	\$162,430	\$168,927
<b>Commissioners</b>	\$113,672	\$14,691	<u>7</u>	<u>\$ 898,541</u>	<u>\$102,837</u>	<u>\$35,942</u>	<u>\$37,379</u>	<u>\$38,874</u>
			372	\$58,468,354	\$4,935,821	\$2,338,734	\$2,432,283	\$2,529,574
<b>Total Related Benefits (41.62%)</b>					<u>\$2,054,289</u>	<u>\$973,381</u>	<u>\$1,012,316</u>	<u>\$1,052,809</u>
<b>Total Increase Salaries and Benefits</b>					<u>\$6,990,110</u>	<u>\$3,312,115</u>	<u>\$3,444,599</u>	<u>\$3,582,383</u>

**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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