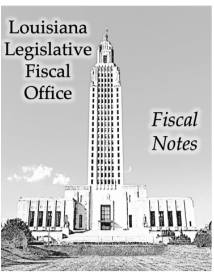


**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 325** HLS 24RS 632  
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<b>Subject:</b> Reimbursement for Automobile Expenses for District Judges	

JUDGES/DISTRICT OR +\$199,200 LF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Authorizes an increase in automobile expenses for certain judges

Current law states that no district judge shall receive as a salary for his service as a judge, directly or indirectly, any additional salary, compensation, emolument, or benefit from the state or any of its political subdivisions except reimbursement for lease payments and expenses of no more than \$600 per month incurred for vehicles used for official purposes in multiparish jurisdictions, provided any such vehicles shall be leased in accordance with the provisions for public bid. Proposed law increases the reimbursement to district judges for lease payments and expenses for vehicles used for official purposes in multiparish jurisdictions to no more than \$800 per month.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<b>\$199,200</b>	<b>\$199,200</b>	<b>\$199,200</b>	<b>\$199,200</b>	<b>\$199,200</b>	<b>\$996,000</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						
REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<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 legislation will likely result in an actual expenditure increase of approximately \$76,600 (\$317,956 versus \$394,556). Several jurisdictions report that, in practice, judges in their courts do not lease vehicles for official purposes, and annual expenses for mileage reimbursements are variable. The amount indicated within Local Funds expenditures indicated above are inclusive of both Local Funds and SGF expenditure estimates.

However, it is important to note that proposed law will result in a maximum exposure of \$199,200 in Local Funds expenditures (for the Judicial Expense funds for multi-parish judicial district courts associated with lease payments) and SGF expenditures in the Louisiana Supreme Court, associated with reimbursement to district court judges for mileage expenses for vehicles used for official purposes in multi-parish jurisdictions (from no more than \$600 per month to no more than \$800 per month). Louisiana currently has 14 judicial district courts designated as multi-parish jurisdictions, and in several jurisdictions, Local Funds expenditures are projected to increase as follows:

**Annual Budgeted Expenses (Leases and Mileage)**

Judicial District	# of Judges	Annual Budgeted Expenses (Leases and Mileage)		Increase
		\$600/mth in Current Law	\$800/mth in Proposed Law	
2nd	3	\$21,600	\$28,800	\$7,200
3rd	3	\$21,600	\$28,800	\$7,200
4th	11	\$79,200	\$105,600	\$26,400
5th	3	\$21,600	\$28,800	\$7,200
6th	2	\$14,400	\$19,200	\$4,800
7th	2	\$14,400	\$19,200	\$4,800
15th	13	\$93,600	\$124,800	\$31,200
16th	8	\$57,600	\$76,800	\$19,200
18th	4	\$28,800	\$38,400	\$9,600
20th	2	\$14,400	\$19,200	\$4,800
21st	9	\$64,800	\$86,400	\$21,600
22nd	12	\$86,400	\$115,200	\$28,800
23rd	5	\$36,000	\$48,000	\$12,000
26th	6	\$43,200	\$57,600	\$14,400
	83	\$597,600	\$796,800	\$199,200

**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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