

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



Fiscal Note On: **HB 442** HLS 24RS 774  
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.: **REVISED**

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<b>Subject:</b> Additional Judgeship for the 21st Judicial District Court		

JUDGES EG +\$239,142 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 Livingston Parish and a delineated list of precincts in Tangipahoa Parish, and that section two is composed of St. Helena Parish and a delineated list of precincts in Tangipahoa Parish; provides that it shall become effective upon signature by the governor.

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	\$103,653	\$171,907	\$171,907	\$171,907	\$171,907	\$791,281
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$239,142</b>	<b>\$442,884</b>	<b>\$442,884</b>	<b>\$442,884</b>	<b>\$442,884</b>	<b>\$2,010,678</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 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:

	FY 25	FY 26 through 29
Judge Salary	\$81,194	\$162,388
Judge Supplemental Compensation	\$6,300	\$12,600
Court Reporter Salary (1)	\$25,000	\$50,000
Legal Secretary Salary (1)	\$25,000	\$50,000
Related Benefits	\$72,023	\$144,046
Travel	\$4,075	\$8,150
Vehicle Lease	\$3,600	\$7,200
Office Supplies	\$2,500	\$5,000
Insurance	\$1,750	\$3,500
Furniture (One-Time Expense in FY 25)	\$10,000	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$231,442</b>	<b>\$442,884</b>

\*FY 25 represents 6 months of funding. The amount indicated in FY 26 is applicable to subsequent fiscal years.

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

**Secretary of State**

The proposed law will result in an increase of \$7,700 in Local Funds expenditures to local governing authorities associated with adding an item onto a ballot for an election for the 21st Judicial District Court. During a gubernatorial, Congressional, presidential, or special election that includes candidacy for state offices on a given ballot, local governing authorities are responsible for 10% of the costs associated with balloting. The Secretary of State advises that the \$7,700 is an estimate, and that actual costs cannot be determined until the election is held and all costs are known.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

Senate	Dual Referral Rules	House
<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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