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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to Engrossed House Bill No. 358 by Representative Bacala

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 3, after "Court;" and before "and" insert "to provide for compensation of the  
3 additional judge; to provide for the election and term of office of the additional judgeship  
4 and those of the successors in office; to provide for effectiveness;"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 2

6 On page 1, line 7, change "Twenty-third" to "Twenty-Third"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 1, line 8, change "Twenty-third" to "Twenty-Third"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 4

10 On page 1, after line 10, add the following:

11 "Section 2.(A) There is hereby created an additional district judgeship for the  
12 Twenty-Third Judicial District for the parishes of Ascension, Assumption, and St. James.  
13 The additional judge herein provided for and his successors shall preside over Division F,  
14 which is hereby created for purposes of nomination and election only. The additional judge  
15 and his successors shall be elected at large and shall have jurisdiction throughout the district  
16 and shall receive the same compensation and expense allowances, payable from the same  
17 sources and in the same manner, as are now or may hereafter be provided for other judges  
18 of the district.

19 (B) The individual to be elected to the additional judgeship created by this Act for  
20 the Twenty-Third Judicial District shall be elected as provided by Article V, Section 22 of  
21 the Constitution of Louisiana, and shall serve a term which shall begin on the first January  
22 first immediately following the effective date of this Act and which shall expire at the same  
23 time as is provided by law for the other judges of the court. Thereafter, the successors to the  
24 judge provided for in this Act for the Twenty-Third Judicial District shall be elected at the  
25 same time and in the same manner and shall serve the same term as is now or may be  
26 provided hereafter for other judges of the court.

27 Section 3.(A) The provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall become effective  
28 if and when a work point study by the National Center for State Courts is completed in  
29 accordance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 39 of the 2024 Regular Session of the  
30 Louisiana Legislature and the work point study concludes the additional district court  
31 judgeship is necessary.

32 (B) The provisions of this Section shall become effective upon signature by the  
33 governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become  
34 law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the  
35 Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the  
36 legislature, the provisions of this Section shall become effective on the day following such  
37 approval."