



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 759** HLS 24RS 1371
 Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Additional Judgeship for the 21st Judicial District Court		

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 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.	\$0	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	\$0
Annual Total	\$0					\$0

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
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an increase of \$231,442 (\$221,442 in annual expenses and \$10,000 in one-time expenses) in FY 26 and will be annualized in future fiscal years (approximately \$442,884 annually). These expenses are associated with adding one judge within the 21st Judicial District Court. The new judgeship becomes effective contingent on if and when a work point study by the National Center for State Courts is completed in concurrence with HCR 39 of the 2024 RS and concludes that an additional district court judgeship is necessary. Also, HCR 39 requires submission of the work point study by the Judicial Structure Task Force by 2/01/25. The LFO presumes that, if the work point study concludes that an additional district court judgeship is necessary in the 21st Judicial District Court, the creation of the judgeship contemplated by this measure will begin on 1/01/26.

The projected budget for the new judgeship is as follows:

	FY 26	FY 27 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
Total	\$231,442	\$442,884

*FY 26 represents 6 months of funding. The amount indicated in FY 27 is applicable to subsequent fiscal years.


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

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate
 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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