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Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 358** HLS 24RS 659  
 Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ SEN COMM AMD**  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Judiciary and Secretary of State		
<b>Subject:</b> Additional Judgeship - 21st and 23rd Judicial District Court		<b>Analyst:</b> Daniel Druilhet

JUDGES RE1 +\$462,884 EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Creates an additional judgeship for the 23rd Judicial District Court

Current law states that the 23rd Judicial District Court shall have five judges, one to be elected from section one, and four to be elected from section two; states that the 21st Judicial District Court shall have nine judges. Proposed law adds one judgeship to the 23rd Judicial District Court and one judgeship to the 21st Judicial District Court; provides that the additional judge to be elected in the 23rd Judicial District Court shall be elected at large and have jurisdiction throughout the district.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$253,134	\$506,268	\$506,268	\$506,268	\$506,268	\$2,278,206
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$17,844	\$35,688	\$35,688	\$35,688	\$35,688	\$160,596
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$191,906	\$343,812	\$343,812	\$343,812	\$343,812	\$1,567,154
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$462,884</b>	<b>\$885,768</b>	<b>\$885,768</b>	<b>\$885,768</b>	<b>\$885,768</b>	<b>\$4,005,956</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 may result in an increase of \$462,884 (\$442,884 in annual expenses and \$20,000 in one-time expenses) in FY 25 and will be annualized in future fiscal years (approximately \$885,768 annually). These expenses are associated with adding one district court judge within the 23rd Judicial District Court (Ascension Parish, Assumption Parish, and St. James Parish) and one district court judge within the 21st Judicial District Court (Livingston Parish, St. Helena Parish, and Tangipahoa Parish). The projected budget for these two judgeships is as follows:

\$162,388	(2) Judges Salaries
\$12,600	(2) Judges Supplemental Compensation
\$50,000	(2) Court Reporter Salaries
\$50,000	(2) Legal Secretary Salaries
\$144,046	Related Benefits
\$8,150	Travel
\$7,200	Vehicle Lease
\$5,000	Office Supplies
\$3,500	Insurance
\$20,000	Furniture (One-Time Expense in FY 25)
<b>\$462,884</b>	<b>Total FY 25*</b>


\*FY 25 represents 6 months of funding.

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

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

<b>Senate</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H} <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}	<b>House</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}
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