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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 124** HLS 25RS 212

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

<b>Date:</b> May 16, 2025	3:53 PM	<b>Author:</b> FREIBERG
<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> 19th Judicial District Court		
<b>Subject:</b> Election of Judges to the 19th Judicial District Court		<b>Analyst:</b> Courtney Stevenson

JUDGES/DISTRICT

EG +\$267,076 GF EX See Note

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Provides for the election of judges to the 19th Judicial District Court

**Purpose of Bill:** This bill provides for the redistricting of the election sections within the 19th Judicial District Court (JDC). It reduces the number of election sections from three to two by eliminating the existing election section three and redefines the boundaries for the remaining two election sections. In addition, this bill reassigns the five judgeships from the eliminated section. Four of these judgeships will be allocated equally between the newly defined election sections one and two, increasing the number of judges elected from each. The fifth judgeship will be elected at-large from the entire district. The total number of judges for the 19th JDC remains unchanged at fifteen.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$267,076	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$267,076
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
Annual Total	\$267,076	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$267,076

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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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
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**  
This bill may increase state general fund expenditures of the Louisiana Secretary of State's Office by approximately \$267,076 in FY 2025-26.

An official with the Louisiana Secretary of State's Office indicated that due to the proposed changes, voter identification cards would need to be printed and mailed to an estimated 269,774 active registered voters in East Baton Rouge Parish. The official estimated the cost for printing and mailing each card at \$0.99. Therefore, this bill may increase state general fund expenditures of the Louisiana Secretary of State's Office by approximately \$267,076 (269,774 voters x \$0.99 per card) in FY 2025-26. Note: This official indicated that the Louisiana Secretary of State's Office can only provide an estimate of the number of active voters as voter counts fluctuate over time.

An official with the 19th JDC indicated that the bill is not expected to impact the 19th JDC’s expenditures.

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