



**OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 369** HLS 26RS 939
 Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.: **REVISED**

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Dept./Agy.: Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal	Analyst: Elle Craft
Subject: Election of Judges to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal	

REAPPORTIONMENT/JUDGES OR +\$264,125 SG EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides for the election of judges of the first district of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal

Purpose of Bill: This bill provides for the redistricting of the first district of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal, which solely encompasses Jefferson Parish. It increases the number of election sections for the first district from two to three, and redefines the boundaries for the two existing sections. In addition, this bill reallocates the district's six judgeships by shifting one seat from Section One to the new Section Three, resulting in four judges assigned to Section One, one judge to Section Two, and one judge to Section Three. The total number of judges for the first district of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal remains unchanged at six.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$264,125	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$264,125
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	\$264,125	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$264,125

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	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

This bill may increase state general fund expenditures of the Louisiana Secretary of State's Office by approximately \$264,125 in FY 2026-2027.

An official with the Louisiana Secretary of State's Office indicated that due to the proposed changes, voter notification cards would need to be printed and mailed to an estimated 266,793 registered voters in Jefferson Parish. This official estimated the cost of 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 \$264,125 (266,793 voters x \$0.99 per notification) in FY 2026-27. The Louisiana Secretary of State's Office can only provide an estimate of the number of registered voters as voter counts fluctuate over time. According to the Secretary of State's Office, this expenditure increase would require additional State General Fund appropriations to be made to the Secretary of State's Office.

An official with the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal indicated no fiscal impact as a result of this measure.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 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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