

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE

Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 206** HLS 06RS 703
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Sub. Bill For.:
 Proposed Amd.:

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| Subject: New Judgeships | |

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(Constitutional Amendment) Authorizes the legislature to create new judgeships for district courts with limited or specialized subject matter jurisdiction

The proposed constitutional amendment authorizes, effective January 1, 2007, the legislature by law to establish new judgeships for district courts as new divisions having limited or specialized jurisdiction within the territorial jurisdiction of the district court and subject matter jurisdiction as provided by law.

Proposed amendment provides for the submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 7, 2006.

| EXPENDITURES | <u>2006-07</u> | <u>2007-08</u> | <u>2008-09</u> | <u>2009-10</u> | <u>2010-11</u> | <u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u> |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| State Gen. Fd. | INCREASE | INCREASE | INCREASE | INCREASE | INCREASE | |
| 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 | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | \$0 |
| Annual Total | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

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

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

When new judgeships for district courts and/or new divisions of district court are established, state general fund expenditures will increase. The number of new judgeships established and the number of parishes within the judicial district will determine the impact on expenditures in a given year.

The annual state general fund salary (as of July 1, 2005) for a judge at the district, family, juvenile court level is \$95,580. The annual cost of related benefits is \$27,393 (retirement expense, medicare liability, and health insurance). For office and travel expenses, judges are allotted \$5,600 per fiscal year in a single parish district, \$6,800 for a district with two parishes, and \$8,000 for a three parish district. The total annual expense funded by the state general fund for a new judgeship in a single parish district is \$128,573 per fiscal year, \$129,773 per fiscal year for a district with two parishes, and \$130,973 per fiscal year for a three parish district.

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 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change

House
 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease

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