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Provides for a magistrate judge in the 14th JDC

Purpose of Bill: This bill provides for an elected magistrate judge for the Fourteenth Judicial District Court (14th JDC) to take office on January 1, 2021. This bill also provides election requirements, prohibition on practicing law, compensation of the magistrate and payment of support services and personnel, restrictions on matters that the magistrate can hear and preside over, and qualifications.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, REVENUES, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This measure may increase State General Fund and Statutorily Dedicated expenditures starting in January of 2021. An official with the Louisiana Supreme Court indicated that the state will pay the magistrate's salary and benefits using state general fund and statutorily dedicated money.

The overall impact on Local Fund expenditures is indeterminable at this time. An official with the 14th JDC indicated that the magistrate (which will be paid using state general fund and statutorily dedicated money) will replace two ad-hoc judges that are currently compensated \$60,000 per year using local fund money.

According to an official with the Secretary of State's Office, the election will be held at the same time as the Presidential/Congressional elections and there will be no additional costs to the state for having one more ballot item on the November/December election dates.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate Dual Referral Rules
[X] 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
[] 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
[X] 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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