

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 120** SLS 16RS 386

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Salary Increase for Appellate Court Judges		

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Provides for salaries of judges as recommended by the Judicial Compensation Commission. (gov sig)

Proposed law provides for the parish court judge's salary in Ascension Parish. Proposed law changes discretion over Ascension Parish's judicial expense fund from the parish clerk of court to the parish chief financial officer.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of action as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the LA Constitution.

EXPENDITURES	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW					
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	SEE BELOW					
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	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	SEE BELOW					
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law provides that the state-paid salary for the justice of the Ascension Parish court will be subject to the pay increases outlined in LA R.S. 13:50. Because R.S. 13:50 already includes pay increases for parish court judges statewide and became effective during FY 15, this provision of proposed law will have no material effect on state expenditures.

Proposed law deletes a provision of present law providing that the Parish of Ascension shall pay a portion of the parish court judge's salary in the amount of \$7,110. This provision of proposed law will have no material effect on state revenues, as another provision of present law provides that Ascension Parish must already pay the difference between the parish court judge's salary and the corresponding district court judge's salary. The Legislative Fiscal Office assumes that the \$7,110 portion of the salary paid by Ascension Parish that is repealed by proposed law will be included in the aforementioned payment that Ascension Parish is statutorily obligated to make, bringing the parish court judge salaries in line with the parish's corresponding district court justice's salary.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure. Proposed law provides that the existing court fee of up to \$15 levied against defendants in the Ascension Parish court who are convicted or forfeit their bond shall now be transferred to the chief financial officer (CFO) of Ascension Parish for deposit in the judicial expense fund, while present law provides that these fees be transferred to the parish clerk of court. As a result, proposed law has no material effect on local revenues, but alters who has discretion over revenues raised as a result of the aforementioned parish court fee.

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

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