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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.:

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Creates a new judicial district out of the Third Judicial District. (gov sig) (2/3-CA5s15(D))

Present law relative to courts provides that the Third Judicial District is composed of Lincoln and Union Parishes. Proposed law provides that the Third Judicial District shall be composed of the parish of Lincoln, and creates a Forty-Third Judicial District to be composed of the parish of Union. Present law provides that the Third Judicial District is composed of 3 judges. Proposed law provides that the Third Judicial District shall be composed of two judges, and the new Forty-Third Judicial District shall have one judge. Proposed law provides for transfer of cases arising out of Union Parish from the Third Judicial District to the Forty-Third Judicial District. Proposed law creates a judicial expense fund and provides for a law clerk for the Forty-Third Judicial District. Present law provides there are nine assistant district attorneys in the Third Judicial District. Proposed law provides there shall be six assistant district attorneys in the Third Judicial District and three assistant district attorneys in the Forty-Third Judicial District.

EXPENDITURES	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in an indeterminate increase in SGF expenditures for District Attorneys and Assistant District Attorneys, Supreme Court (Judiciary), and local district courts from the creation of a new judicial district (43rd Judicial District). The new 43rd Judicial District will be responsible for its general operating expenditures, which will be paid for with state and local funds. The state pays for the salaries and benefits of the district court judges, partial salaries and benefits of the district attorney (which will be a new position), partial salaries and benefits of the assistant district attorneys (existing positions), and a victim’s assistance coordinator (which will be a new position).

Per 16:10 and 16:17, the state is obligated to pay this new district attorney position \$50,000 and benefits (\$2,725 - 4% benefits; 1.45% - medicare) at a cost of \$52,725, and the victim’s assistance coordinator position \$30,000 and benefits (\$1,635 - 4% benefits; 1.45% - medicare) at a cost of \$31,635, for a total state personal services cost of \$84,360. The district will be responsible for paying the remaining salary for the District Attorney as well as any other costs that may arise as a result of becoming a new Judicial District using it’s own local funds.

The Supreme Court (Judicial) budget, which is funded with state funds, pays for the salaries and benefits of District Court judges, and **proposed law** does not provide for an increase in the number of judges. However, to the extent the need for more ad hoc judges may arises, the personal services expenditures that are paid for by the Judicial budget would increase. The new Judicial District will have one judge assigned to it. Currently, there are eight districts (8th, 11th, 28th, 31st, 35th, 37th, 38th, and 39th) that have one judge assigned to the court.

Proposed law provides for the distribution of the nine assistant district attorneys in the current Third Judicial District, where six will remain in the Third Judicial District and the remaining three will transfer to the new Forty-Third Judicial District. It is assumed the current support staff (bailiffs, clerks, other) will also be distributed based on the anticipated need of each district; however, to the extent the new district requires additional staff, this district will be responsible for these additional costs using its own local funds.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate	Dual Referral Rules	House	
<input checked="" 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}	<u>Evan Brasseaux</u>
<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}	Evan Brasseaux Staff Director