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Abstract: Creates an additional judgeship for the 23rd Judicial District Court.

<u>Present law</u> provides for five judgeships in the 23rd Judicial District Court (Ascension, Assumption, and St. James Parishes).

<u>Proposed law</u> adds a 6th judgeship to the 23rd Judicial District Court. <u>Proposed law</u> also adds a new division to the 23rd Judicial District Court.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for the judge and his successors to be elected at large, to have jurisdiction throughout the district, and receive the same compensation and expense allowances as other judges in the district.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for the new judge to serve a term which begins on January 1st immediately following the effective date of the <u>proposed law</u>. Further provides for the judgeship to expire at the same time as provided in <u>present law</u> as other judges of the court.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides it shall become effective if and when a work point study by the National Center for State Courts is completed in accordance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 39 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature and the work point study concludes the additional district court judgeship is necessary.

Effective in part upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 13:621.23)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the engrossed bill:

- 1. Provide for the jurisdiction of the additional judgeship.
- 2. Create a new division for the 23rd Judicial District.
- 3. Provide for election and term of the judge and his successors.

- 4. Provide for the compensation of the judge.
- 5. Provide for effectiveness.
- 6. Make technical changes.