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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Annual Total

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<u>Proposed law</u> may result in an indeterminable decrease in SGF expenditures in the Louisiana Supreme Court, to the extent that a judge is suspended, without salary, pending an investigation by the judiciary commission related to his potential misconduct. The exact fiscal impact to SGF expenditures to the Louisiana Supreme Court is indeterminable, as suspension without salary is optional pending an investigation by the judiciary commission by the judiciary commission, and there is no way to determine the number of judges who will be subject to an investigation by the judiciary commission with the <u>proposed law</u>'s enactment.

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The proposed legislation assigns additional duties to the Judiciary Commission relative to investigating members of the judiciary for willful misconduct, malfeasance, persistent and public conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute, conduct while in office which would constitute a felony, sustaining a felony conviction, or for a disability that seriously interferes with the performance of his duties, and requires the supreme court to establish rules regarding the investigative authority provided to judiciary commission members. The LFO presumes that additional expenditures may be incurred associated with the Supreme Court promulgating these rules and judiciary commission members exercising their investigative authority, but any fiscal impact related to these measures is indeterminable.

Secretary of State

The proposed constitutional amendment may result in a minimal increase in programming costs for the Department of State to update voting machines for statewide judicial elections and can likely be absorbed within the department's existing operating budget. The Department of State may incur minimal ballot processing costs associated with this measure. As a regular practice, the Department of State typically budgets for up to 10 constitutional amendments and statewide propositions for the fall statewide elections. To the extent the ballot includes more than 10 constitutional amendments and statewide propositions, the Department of State may require additional SGF resources for the November 5, 2024, statewide election. Any expenditure impact would be realized in FY 25.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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