



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 536** HLS 25RS 854

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Secretary of State/Supreme Court		
Subject: Election of Judges-Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal (First District)		Analyst: Daniel Druilhet

REAPPORTIONMENT/JUDGES

OR +\$229,368 GF EX See Note

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Provides for the election of judges of the first district of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal

Current law provides for the composition of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal; provides for the composition of the first, second, and third districts of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal, provides for composition of judges in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal; provides for the number of subdistricts and judges assigned in each election subdistrict. Proposed law provides that the first district shall be divided into three election sections; provides that four judges are assigned to election section one, one judge is assigned to election section two, and one judge is assigned to election section three; provides that the first vacancy created by the death, resignation, retirement, or removal of a judge of the first district elected by the qualified electors of election section one shall be filled by election from election section three and such judgeship shall be assigned to election section three for election purposes thereafter; provides that if no election has occurred or is scheduled to occur to fill a vacancy in a judgeship from election section three prior to the opening of qualifying for the regular statewide elections in 2030, the regular election to fill the judgeship designated as Division B of the first district shall be held in election section three of the first district and shall be assigned to election section three for election purposes thereafter; specifies precincts referenced in district descriptions as those precincts identified as Voting Districts (VTDs) in the 2020 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$229,368	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$229,368
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$229,368	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$229,368

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in an increase of \$229,369 in SGF expenditures in FY 26 in the Secretary of State for costs to print and mail notification cards to registered voters in Jefferson Parish to inform them of their assigned election section as it relates to the first district of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal. There are currently 231,685 registered voters in Jefferson Parish, and the cost to print and mail notification cards is \$0.99 each. Considering the price per notification card relative to the number of registered voters impacted in Jefferson Parish, the expenditures incurred by the Secretary of State are estimated to be \$229,368.

Population of Registered Voters	231,685
Price Per Notification Card	x \$0.99
FY 26 Estimated Cost	\$229,368

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}	Patrice Thomas
<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}	Deputy Fiscal Officer