

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB** 569 HLS 25RS 939

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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.: Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Supreme Court

Subject: Judicial Compensation Commission

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Provides relative to the Judicial Compensation Commission

<u>Current law</u> provides that increases in the salaries of the judges of the supreme court, courts of appeal, and district courts shall be contingent upon approval prior to each July 1st by the Louisiana Supreme Court and the Louisiana Judicial Budgetary Control Board; provides that any salary increase authorized for 2020 shall be funded by the judiciary. <u>Proposed law</u> provides that any salary increase authorized for 2024 shall also be funded by the judiciary, pursuant to the recommendations made by the January 9, 2018 Judicial Compensation Commission Report.

| EXPENDITURES | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 2029-30 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| State Gen. Fd. | INCREASE | INCREASE | INCREASE | INCREASE | INCREASE | |
| Agy. Self-Gen. | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Ded./Other | INCREASE | INCREASE | INCREASE | INCREASE | INCREASE | |
| Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Local Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Annual Total | | | | | | |
| REVENUES | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 2029-30 | 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 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Annual Total

The proposed legislation is anticipated to increase SGF and Statutory Dedications out of the Judicial Supplemental Compensation Fund expenditures in the Louisiana Supreme Court by \$2.6 M, associated with an annual increase of 2.5% in base compensation for FY 24, pursuant to the recommendations made by the January 9, 2018, Judicial Compensation Commission Report. The January 2018 Judicial Commission Report recommended 2.5% increases beginning 7/01/18 and for the next four fiscal years. The recommendations were not implemented until FY 19, and subsequent 2.5% increases were implemented in FY 20, FY 21, FY 22, and FY 23. A stipend was implemented in FY 24.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases the maximum base compensation by 2.5% in FY 24 for seven supreme court justices, 53 judges of the courts of appeal, 236 district court judges (including juvenile, family, and magistrate judges), 68 parish and city court judges, and seven judicial commissioners as follows:

| | FY 23 | | FY 24 | | |
|------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Court | Number | Total Salaries | Salary Increase | Total Benefits (41.62%) | Total |
| Increase FY 24 | | | - | | |
| Supreme Court | 7 | \$1,832,175 | \$45,804 | \$19,064 | \$64,868 |
| Courts of Appeal | 53 | \$12,971,729 | \$324,293 | \$134,971 | \$459,264 |
| District Court | 191 | \$44,913,313 | \$1,122,833 | \$467,323 | \$1,590,156 |
| 15th JDC Commissioner | 1 | \$235,148 | \$5,879 | \$2,447 | \$8,325 |
| 19th JDC Commissioner | 2 | \$423,271 | \$10,582 | \$4,404 | \$14,986 |
| Orleans Criminal Court | 13 | \$3,056,927 | \$76,423 | \$31,807 | \$108,231 |
| Orleans Criminal Court Comm. | 4 | \$525,029 | \$13,126 | \$5,463 | \$18,589 |
| City | 53 | \$4,007,163 | \$100,179 | \$41,695 | \$141,874 |
| Monroe City | 3 | \$226,974 | \$5,674 | \$2,362 | \$8,036 |
| Shreveport City | 4 | \$389,124 | \$9,728 | \$4,049 | \$13,777 |
| Juvenile | 14 | \$3,292,075 | \$82,302 | \$34,254 | \$116,556 |
| Traffic/Municipal | 8 | \$596,002 | \$14,900 | \$6,201 | \$21,101 |
| Ascension Parish | 1 | \$138,935 | \$3,473 | \$1,446 | \$4,919 |
| Family | <u>4</u> | \$940,593 | <u>\$23,515</u> | <u>\$9,787</u> | <u>\$33,302</u> |
| Total | 372 | | \$ 1,838,7 11 | \$765,2 73 | \$2,603, 984 |
| REVENUE EXPLANATION | | | | | |

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