

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **SB 1** SLS 243ES 12  
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.: **w/ PROP SEN COMM AMD**  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Attorney Discipline/Jurisdiction of Courts	<b>Analyst:</b> Daniel Druilhet

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 Constitutional amendment to provide for jurisdiction of courts. (2/3 - CA13s1(A)) (Item #20)

Current law provides that the Supreme Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction of disciplinary proceedings against a member of the bar; provides that the legislature may establish trial courts and courts of limited or specialized jurisdiction with parish-wide territorial jurisdiction and subject matter jurisdiction uniform throughout the state; provides for the original jurisdiction of district courts. Proposed law allows the Supreme Court to also have exclusive jurisdiction of disciplinary proceedings against an attorney from another jurisdiction concerning legal services to the state, including related unethical practices; authorizes establishment of courts of specialized jurisdiction by enacted by 2/3 of the elected members of each house of the legislature; provides that except as authorized in the constitution, the district court has exclusive original jurisdiction involving felony cases and cases involving immovable property as provided in the current constitution; provides that the proposed law (constitutional amendment) shall be submitted to voters at a statewide election to be held on 3/29/25 or at another statewide election authorized by law, whichever occurs first.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>					<b>\$0</b>
REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

The proposed law authorizes establishing courts of specialized jurisdiction but provides neither a definition nor a function of the court. To the extent that the proposed law results in the creation of courts of specialized jurisdiction that utilize existing judges and staff performing the duties associated with the courts, there may be an increase in workload and/or expenditures to courts. To the extent that the creation of courts of specialized jurisdiction requires additional judges, staff, and workspace, there will be an increase in costs accordingly.

Note: The Department of State may incur additional election costs to place constitutional amendments on the ballot on March 29, 2025. If a statewide election is required for voters to contemplate constitutional amendments or other statewide measures, the Department of State will require an additional appropriation in FY 25. The estimated cost of holding a statewide election is \$7 M. An additional \$2.9 M would be needed to transition the election to a statewide election for all parishes and precincts. Currently, HB 4 of the 2023 3rd ES includes an appropriation of \$3.3 M to change the March 29, 2025 election to a statewide election.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

Senate Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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