



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 63** HLS 25RS 510
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Mandatory Retirement of Judges		

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 (Constitutional Amendment) Provides relative to the mandatory retirement of judges

Current law provides that a judge shall not remain in office beyond his 70th birthday, but also provides that he may remain in office until the completion of his term if he attains 70 years of age while serving a term of office. Proposed law removes the present constitutional age limitation and provides that a judge shall not remain in office after reaching his maximum retirement compensation; applies to all judges sworn into the office of judge on or after 1/01/97; provides for the submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held 11/03/26, or at a statewide election authorized by law, whichever occurs first.

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

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Secretary of State

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 3, 2026, statewide election. Any expenditure impact would be realized in FY 27.

Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS)

Proposed law will not result in any fiscal impact to the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, as LASERS currently runs reports on a regular basis for members close to reaching 100% of the final average compensation, and notifies agencies and members of the date that the member will reach 100%.


Note: LASERS advises that of the 352 judges sworn into office since 1/01/97, 11 have reached 100% vested, with the average age of the remaining 341 judges to reach 100% of their vested retirement compensation at 74.5 years, with an average time of service at 28 years.

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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