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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **SB 161** SLS 11RS 183
Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**
Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.:

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Dedicates judgeships in certain judicial districts with divisions limited to family or juvenile subject matter jurisdiction. (gov siq)
Present law provides for 9 judges in the 21st JDC. Proposed legislation retains present law and adds that the Division H judgeship be abolished by December 31, 2014 and create Division J judgeship with jurisdiction over family matters. Proposed legislation does not affect the jurisdiction of any other judge in the district.

Present law provides that the Civil District Court for the parish of Orleans designate not less than 2 incumbent judges to the Domestic Relations Section, which includes cases of divorce, alimony, support of children, etc. Proposed legislation amends present law and provides that two divisions of the court have limited or specialized subject matter regarding family matters. The jurisdiction of Division E shall be limited to family matters, effective January 1, 2015 and the first vacant judgeship on or after March 1, 2012, shall, as of January 1, 2015 be limited to family matters. Proposed legislation provides that family or domestic matters shall not include tutorship proceedings. Effective upon signature of the governor.

EXPENDITURES	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	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
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

As a result of this bill, the 21st JDC (Livingston, St. Helena, and Tangipahoa Parishes) and Civil District Court of the parish of Orleans (41st JDC) will retain the same number of judges. All aspects of compensation and expenses for the judges will remain the same, as well as the decision of the judges to appoint a crier, stenographer, and minute clerk for their division as mentioned in this bill.

21st JDC:

Currently, cases involving family matters in the 21st JDC are divided between 8 judges. This bill abolishes 1 judgeship and creates 1 judgeship whose subject matter will be cases involving family matters in the 21st JDC. In this bill the judgeship comprising Division H will be abolished on December 31, 2014, or earlier if the seat becomes vacant, and on January 1, 2015, or earlier if the seat becomes vacant, the judgeship comprising Division J will be created.

Civil District Court of the parish of Orleans (41st JDC):

All cases involving family matters in the 41st JDC are currently heard by 2 incumbent judges assigned to the Domestic Relations Section. This bill specifies that the jurisdiction of Division E will be limited family matters, effective January 1, 2015, and the jurisdiction of the first judgeship that becomes available on or after March 1, 2012, will be limited to family matters, effective January 1, 2015.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate	Dual Referral Rules	House	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)2 >= \$100,000 Annual SGF Cost {H&S}	
<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}	