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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **SB 161** SLS 11RS 183  
Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**  
Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ HSE FLOOR AMD**  
Proposed Amd.:  
Sub. Bill For.:

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| <b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Judiciary |         |                                   |
| <b>Subject:</b> Judgeships   |         | <b>Analyst:</b> Matthew LaBruyere |

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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 abolishes the first 2 judgeships that become vacant by death, resignation, retirement, or removal on or after August 15, 2011 and amends present law and provides that two new judgeships shall be created (Domestic Sections 1 and 2) and limited to family matters, including domestic relations matters. Proposed legislation also provides that the provisions will not apply to Divisions B and E unless there is a vacancy in one or both divisions on or after February 1, 2012.

| 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 the first 2 judgeships that become vacant by death, resignation, retirement, or removal on or after August 15, 2011, will be abolished and two judgeships limited to family matters, including domestic relations matters, will be created as Domestic Sections 1 and 2. It should be noted that the provisions of the proposed legislation will not apply to Divisions B and E unless there is a vacancy in one or both of the divisions on or after February 1, 2012.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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| Senate                                                                      | Dual Referral Rules | House                                                                                      |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}       |                     | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}                       | <i>Evan Brasseaux</i>            |
|                                                                             |                     | <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} | Evan Brasseaux<br>Staff Director |