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 Provides for salaries of judges as recommended by the Judicial Compensation Commission. (gov sig)

Proposed bill provides that the actual salary of the judges of the supreme court, courts of appeal, and district courts shall be increased as follows: supreme court - 5.5% increase, courts of appeal - 3.7% increase, district courts - 4% increase, subject to annual appropriation. Proposed bill provides for the actual salary of the judges of the supreme court, courts of appeal, and districts courts shall be increased by 2.1% on July 1, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. Proposed bill provides that the actual salary of judges of city courts and parish courts shall be increased by 2.1% on July 1, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. Proposed bill provides this Act shall only become effective in the event that any salary increase conform to the appropriation provided in HB 691 of the 2013 Regular Legislative Session. Proposed legislation provides that any salary adjustments resulting from this Act shall only apply to judges and shall not apply to any other public officer whose salary is set in accordance with the judge's salary.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$2,469,573	\$1,353,453	\$1,381,876	\$1,410,895	\$1,440,523	<b>\$8,056,320</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	SEE BELOW					
<b>Annual Total</b>						
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
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Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

The proposed bill will result in an increase in state general fund expenditures as a result of increasing judicial compensation at the district, appellate, supreme court and city/parish levels in the amount of approximately \$2.5 million in FY 14 and approximately \$1.4 million in subsequent fiscal years. The increase includes salary, medicare (1.45%) and retirement costs (36.3%) as a result of the increased salaries.

There are a total of 372 judges (7 Supreme Court, 53 Appellate judges, 218 District judges, 94 City/Parish judges) in the state that would be impacted by this bill. The total salary cost for the 372 judges in FY 13 is \$44,994,972. The chart below shows the FY 14 increase as a result of the salary increases of 5.5% for Supreme Court, 3.7% for Appellate Courts, and 4% for District & City/Parish Courts.

<b>Court</b>	<b>Current Salary</b>	<b>Salary Increase</b>	<b>Medicare</b>	<b>Retirement</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Supreme Court	\$1,062,882 x 5.5%	\$58,459	\$848	\$21,220	\$1,143,409	\$80,527
Appeals Court	\$7,648,906 x 3.7%	\$283,010	\$4,104,102,732	\$8,038,749	\$389,843	
District Court	\$30,028,192 x 4%	\$1,201,128	\$17,416	\$436,009	\$31,682,745	\$1,654,553
City/Parish	\$6,254,992 x 4%	\$250,200	\$3,628	\$90,822	\$6,599,642	\$344,650
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$44,994,972</b>	<b>\$1,792,797</b>	<b>\$25,996</b>	<b>\$650,783</b>	<b>\$47,464,545</b>	
<b>\$2,469,573</b>						

Below is a chart that illustrates subsequent fiscal year impact of increasing salaries by 2.1% for FY 15 to FY 18.

	<b>Total Salary</b>	<b>Salary Increase</b>	<b>Medicare</b>	<b>Retirement</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Increase</b>
FY 15	\$46,787,769 x 2.1%	\$982,543	\$14,247	\$356,663	\$48,141,222	\$1,353,453
FY 16	\$47,770,312 x 2.1%	\$1,003,177	\$14,546	\$364,153	\$49,152,188	\$1,381,876
FY 17	\$48,773,489 x 2.1%	\$1,024,243	\$14,852	\$371,800	\$50,184,384	\$1,410,895
FY 18	\$49,797,732 x 2.1%	\$1,045,752	\$15,163	\$379,608	\$51,238,255	\$1,440,523

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**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>
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**Local Funds Impact**

Act 350 of the 2012 Regular Legislative Session linked district court judge pay raises to Sheriff pay raises. If district court judges' pay is increased, then Sheriffs pay is increased if the sheriff meets the other requirements of Act 350. These raises are permissive. However, Section 2 of the proposed bill provides that any salary adjustments resulting from this bill shall only apply to judges. Thus, to the extent this bill is enacted, local sheriffs would not be eligible for a 4% increase in pay.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

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