

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

**HB 358**

**2024 Regular Session**

**Bacala**

JUDGES: Creates an additional judgeship for the 23rd Judicial District Court

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Includes a 10th judgeship for the 21st Judicial District Court.
2. Removes the requirement that the judgeships become effective upon completion of a work point study by the National Center for state courts that concludes an additional judgeship is necessary.
3. Makes technical changes.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law provides for nine judgeships in the 21st Judicial District Court (Livingston, St. Helena, and Tangipahoa Parishes).

Proposed law adds a 10th judgeship to the 21st Judicial District Court. Proposed law also adds a new division to the 21st Judicial District Court.

Present law provides for five judgeships in the 23rd Judicial District Court (Ascension, Assumption, and St. James Parishes).

Proposed law adds a 6th judgeship to the 23rd Judicial District Court. Proposed law also adds a new division to the 23rd Judicial District Court.

Proposed law provides for the judge and his successors to be elected at large, to have jurisdiction throughout the district, and receive the same compensation and expense allowances as other judges in the district.

Proposed law provides for the new judge to serve a term which begins on January 1st immediately following the effective date of proposed law. Further provides for the judgeship to expire at the same time as provided in present law as other judges of the court.

Effective in part upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 13:621.21(A) and 621.23)