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Fiscal Note

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SHERIFFS
Provides for fees in civil matters

OR INCREASE LF RV See Note

Purpose of the bill: This bill increases the amount sheriffs can assess for certain civil matters from \$20 to \$30 including: service and returns of legal documents, notices, and subpoenas; notice of seizure and sale returns; return of any writs; execution of writ of possessions or ejectment; service of notice to vacate; and other actions. Preparation of advertisements in newspapers will increase from \$15 to \$30.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total. All values are \$0.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There may be an increase on local governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

The number of civil matters handled by sheriffs varies from parish to parish and there is no one source that could give estimated figures as to how many civil matters of this nature are handled by sheriffs throughout the state.

According to an official with the West Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office, civil fees in the prior year were \$39,825. The resulting revenue increase is estimated to be \$13,938 (based on a 35% increase in fees).

If all 64 parishes realized a similar increase, there could be a statewide increase in local fund revenues of \$896,000 (\$14,000 X 64 parishes). However, as stated above, the amount of individual civil matters handled by individual sheriffs varies from parish to parish.

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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