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Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 177** HLS 25RS 519

Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Territorial Jurisdiction		

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Provides for the territorial jurisdiction and election districts of the justice of the peace courts and constables in Iberville Parish

Purpose of the Bill: This bill defines the territorial jurisdiction for the six existing Justice of the Peace courts (JPs) and the six existing constable districts in Iberville Parish, making these territorial changes effective for election purposes starting with the regularly scheduled 2026 primary election cycle for JPs and constables (election dates are November 3 and December 12, 2026), and effective for all other purposes starting January 1, 2027.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	SEE BELOW	\$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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	\$0
Annual Total	\$0					\$0

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill is not expected to have a direct, material impact on overall state or local governmental expenditures. However, expenditures for individual Iberville Parish Justice of the Peace courts (JP) and Constable offices may change depending upon shifting of caseloads resulting from redistricting.

We received information from three JPs (Wards 1, 3, and 4) and three Constable offices (Wards 1, 2, and 5) in Iberville Parish regarding the bill's potential impact. Most officials indicated that the bill will have little to no impact on their respective offices' expenditures. However, information from the JP Ward 1 indicated that the bill may increase the expenditures of the JP Ward 1 by an indeterminable amount depending upon changes in caseload resulting from redistricting.

An official with the Louisiana Secretary of State's Office indicated that due to the proposed changes, voter identification cards would need to be printed and mailed to an estimated 19,473 active registered voters in Iberville Parish. The official estimated the cost for printing and mailing each card at \$0.99 for a total cost of \$19,278 (19,473 voters x \$0.99 per card). However, this official indicated that the bill is not expected to increase expenditures for the Louisiana Secretary of State's Office as these costs can be absorbed. Note: This official indicated that the Louisiana Secretary of State's Office can only provide an estimate of the number of active voters as voter counts fluctuate over time.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This bill is not expected to have a direct, material impact on overall state or local governmental revenue. However, revenue for individual Iberville Parish Justice of the Peace courts (JP) and Constable offices may change depending upon shifting of caseloads resulting from redistricting.

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Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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