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Fiscal Note**

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 Provides for the territorial jurisdiction of the Jeanerette City Court. (8/1/26)

Purpose of Bill: This bill expands the territorial jurisdiction of the City Court of Jeanerette to include specific portions of Iberia Parish. Within these newly added areas outside the city limits, the city court will have concurrent jurisdiction with the local justice of the peace.

The provisions of this bill could potentially have an impact on the following entities: (1) City Court of Jeanerette (City Court); (2) Iberia Parish Ward 2 Justice of the Peace (JP) and Constable; (3) 16th Judicial District Court (JDC); (4) Jeanerette City Marshal (City Marshal); (5) Iberia Parish Sheriff (Sheriff); (6) Iberia Parish Clerk of Court (Parish Clerk) and (7) Secretary of State.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There may be an indeterminable effect on court system expenditures (City Court, JPs, JDC, Parish Clerk) as a result of this measure, but any impacts depend on possible caseload shifts and resulting work demands. This bill extends the City Court’s territorial jurisdiction outside of the city limits. Individual courts could see their expenditures increase (City Court) or decrease (JDC, Parish Clerk, JP) due to a shift in caseloads, but the exact impact, if any, is dependent on the actual volume of cases transferring jurisdiction. The City Court was unable to estimate the specific fiscal impact of these potential shifts.

There may be an indeterminable effect on expenditures for entities providing support services to the courts (Marshal and Sheriff), but any impacts depend on possible caseload shifts and resulting work demands. Similar to the courts, entities providing support services to the court may see their expenditures increase (City Marshal) or decrease (Sheriff and Constable) as case responsibilities shift, but the exact impact, if any, is dependent on the actual volume of cases transferring jurisdiction. However, the City Marshal anticipates that he will need to hire two additional deputies to serve approximately 3,200 additional residents (approximately 66% increase in number of residents served). This may increase local fund expenditures by an estimated \$190,000 in FY 26-27 (\$76,000 for salaries and \$114,000 for two equipped vehicles) and \$76,000 annually thereafter. Additionally, these two deputies could receive state supplemental pay, increasing state general fund expenditures by \$14,400 annually (\$7,200 per deputy).

There is no anticipated direct material effect on the expenditures of the Secretary of State as a result of this measure. An official from the Secretary of State’s office informed us that the expenditure increase required to update jurisdictional boundaries for election purposes would be minimal and can be absorbed into the department’s existing operating budget.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There may be an indeterminable effect on governmental revenues, as this bill may cause transfers of court activities and revenues from parish entities to city entities, but any impacts depend on possible caseload shifts. Activities and associated revenues (e.g. civil fees) may increase for the City Court and City Marshal. Conversely, revenues for the JDC, Parish Clerk, Sheriff, JP, and Constable may decrease. Specific dollar impacts could not be estimated as the exact shift in future cases is unknown.

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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