

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 289** HLS 26RS 1053

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

<b>Date:</b> March 20, 2026 4:58 PM	<b>Author:</b> EGAN
<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Sheriffs	<b>Analyst:</b> Daniel Druilhet
<b>Subject:</b> Time Period Between Conviction and Sentence	

CRIMINAL/SENTENCING

EG DECREASE LF EX See Note

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Provides relative to the time period between conviction and sentence

Current law provides that if a defendant is convicted of a felony, at least three days shall elapse between conviction and sentence. If a motion for a new trial, or an arrest of judgment, is filed, sentence shall not be imposed until at least twenty-four hours after the motion is overruled. If the defendant expressly waives a delay provided for in current law or pleads guilty, sentence may be imposed immediately. Proposed law removes the twenty-four hour period required for imposition of sentence after the motion is overruled.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</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	<b>DECREASE</b>	<b>DECREASE</b>	<b>DECREASE</b>	<b>DECREASE</b>	<b>DECREASE</b>	
<b>Annual Total</b>						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will likely result in an indeterminable decrease in Local Funds expenditures in local sheriffs, to the extent that courts will be allowed to impose sentence immediately after a ruling is made on a hearing for a motion for a new trial or an arrest of judgment. The proposed law has the effect of reducing, by twenty-four hours, the amount of time an offender convicted of an offense is held prior to transfer to a state facility or parish jail after a motion for a new trial or an arrest of judgment is overruled and a sentence is imposed. The exact fiscal impact to local sheriffs is situational and will vary by parish jail and the number of instances in which proposed law leads to faster sentencing as compared to current law.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

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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