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COURTS RE +\$56,500 LF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides for the Municipal and Traffic Court of New Orleans

Purpose of the Bill: Provides the qualifications and salaries for municipal and traffic court judges; abolishes one judgeship effective in 2021; provides for appointment and compensation of ad hoc judge; provides for appointment of court reporter; provides for police officers to keep order and execute decrees of the judges; and addresses court costs.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, REVENUES, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This measure may increase local government expenditures by \$56,500 per year and decrease state and local expenditures in Fiscal Year 2021.

According to a representative of the New Orleans Municipal Court, two division judges will receive salary and benefits increases totaling \$56,500 annually, beginning in January 2017, to bring them to the same salary as a district court judge in and for the parish of Orleans.

In January 2021, one judgeship will be abolished which will decrease expenditures by \$431,195 annually (\$367,536 local funding and \$63,659 state funding). The 1/2 year calculations for 2021 that are shown above are: State Funds \$63,659/2 = \$31,829 and Local Funds \$367,536/2 = \$183,768 - \$56,500 (annual increase) = \$127,268.

Amendments to this measure address the staffing within the court. The Judicial Administrator of the Municipal Court provided that impacted employees will be reassigned to the Clerk's/Administrator's office, therefore there will be no fiscal impact.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This measure may decrease local government revenue.

According to a representative of the New Orleans Municipal Court and based on 2015 collections, the changes to R.S. 13:2500.2 will result in a \$150,000 annual decrease in traffic court collections and an indeterminable increase in municipal court costs due to the assessment of additional costs for every offense.

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- 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}
13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}
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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