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Fiscal Note

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Opp. Chamb. Action: w/ CONF COMM AMD
Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Warrant recall fees

COURTS/COURT COSTS REC -\$722,000 LF RV See Note Page 1 of 1
Repeals the warrant recall fees collected to fund a misdemeanor jail in East Baton Rouge Parish.

Purpose of Bill: The bill repeals current law regarding warrant recall fees to fund a misdemeanor detention facility in East Baton Rouge Parish. The bill further provides for the distribution of all sums collected from the fee and placed in the Misdemeanor Detention Fund.

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 for both categories.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill will increase local fund expenditures by an indeterminable amount.

The bill requires all sums collected and placed in the Misdemeanor Detention Fund to be refunded to the person who paid the fee after the submission of a "properly completed request" by the person to the finance director of East Baton Rouge Parish.

As of 2/24/16, collections in the fund totaled \$981,971 (19th JDC = \$309,763; Zachary City Court = \$49,700; Baker City Court = \$103,387; and Baton Rouge City Court = \$519,121).

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This bill will decrease local revenues by \$722,776 annually.

According to the East Baton Rouge Finance Department, since enactment in 2014 of the warrant recall fee, the five courts that were authorized to collect the fees remitted the following:

Table with 2 columns: Court, Annual collections 12/31/15. Rows include 19th JDC, EBR Family Court, Zachary City Court, Baker City Court, Baton Rouge City Court, and TOTAL.

We assume that the same level of warrant recall fees would be collected for fiscal years 2017-2021.

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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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