

## OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB** 84

Bill Text Version: ORIGINAL

Opp. Chamb. Action:
Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.:

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**Dept./Agy.:** 27th Judicial District Court

**Subject:** Court reporter fees

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Provides relative to an increase in fees charged by court reporters in the 27th Judicial District Court

**Purpose of Bill:** This bill removes the Judicial Council contingency language in present law and provides an effective date of Aug. 1, 2017 or after for increases to the court reporter fees enacted by Act No. 194 of the 2015 regular session.

EXPENDITURES	2017-18	<u> 2018-19</u>	2019-20	<u>2020-21</u>	2021-22	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$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	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	\$10,000	<u>\$50,000</u>
Annual Total	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$50,000
REVENUES	<u> 2017-18</u>	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	<b>\$0</b>	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0

## **EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

This bill may increase local governmental expenditures of the 27th Judicial District Court's criminal indigent transcript fund by \$10,000 per year.

A representative from the 27th Judicial District Court indicated that the civil transcript fees are paid directly to the court reporter from litigants and therefore would have no impact on local government revenues. However, the criminal transcript fees for indigent defendants are paid by the court from the criminal indigent transcript fund. The representative indicated that the criminal transcript fee increase from \$2.25 to \$3.50 per thirty-one-line page may increase expenditures of the fund by \$7,500 to \$10,000 per year.

## **REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

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	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u> 100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S	House S&H}	6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}	M. G. Battle	