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Subject: Court Cost

COURTS/DISTRICT EG INCREASE LF RV See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides for an increase in certain fees and costs in the Twenty-Fifth Judicial District Court

Purpose of Bill: This measure authorizes the Twenty-Fifth Judicial District Court (JDC) to increase court costs to be collected from each person filing any type of civil suit or proceeding, who is not otherwise exempted by law from the payment of court costs, and court costs to be assessed against every defendant in all criminal cases who is convicted after trial or after a guilty plea or who forfeits his bond, from a maximum of \$15 to an amount not to exceed \$35.

The bill provides that in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 13:62, the increase in court costs or fees shall become effective if and when the Judicial Council provides a recommendation that such court costs or fees meet the applicable guidelines in its 2018 Report to the Louisiana Legislature.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total. A second table follows for REVENUES with the same columns and rows.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

An official with the 25th JDC indicated the proposed legislation is to increase an existing fee which would not require any implementation costs or additional expenditures. The proposed increase will be used to fund operational costs paid from the Court's Judicial Expense Fund for the proper administration of the court and individual judge's offices.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This measure may increase local government revenues for the 25th JDC.

Information provided by the 25th JDC indicates that the court has experienced decreases in the number of civil filings and criminal dispositions during the period 2010 to 2016; the court is anticipating that the number of filings & dispositions will continue to decrease each subsequent year, but at a somewhat reduced rate.

The estimated revenue increases above were calculated based on the number of civil filings and criminal dispositions that are estimated for each year multiplied by the maximum cost increase of \$20.

The Court operates on an calendar year; therefore the revenue figures reported above are based on calendar years rather than fiscal years.

Below is a break down of revenue increases per year.

Table with 5 columns: Year, Civil Filings, Increase, Criminal Dispositions, Increase. Rows for years 2017 through 2021.

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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