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Subject: Louisiana Clerks' Remote Access Authority Membership

CLERKS OF COURT OR INCREASE SG RV See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides relative to Louisiana Clerks' Remote Access Authority membership

Purpose of the Bill: Proposed law requires every district clerk of court to become a member of LCRAA by July 1, 2020. Additionally, LCRAA shall provide the legislature with a written progress report that includes a list of participating clerks of court by parish and a list of clerks of court by parish not yet participating, an overview of the information currently available through LCRAA, and information on the availability of online records of each clerk of court by parish. The report shall be provided prior to the convening of the 2020 Regular Session.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total. Similar structure for REVENUES.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase agency self-generated expenditures of the LCRAA by an indeterminable amount. An official with LCRAA indicated the following: There is an expense incurred when a district clerk's office signs up to become a member of LCRAA. The data must be formatted and transmitted to the LCRAA host. This is a relatively easy task in some offices, but in other offices it is extremely complicated. LCRAA has not determined the complexity to integrate these additional district clerks' offices (there are currently 10 offices that will have to be integrated).

This bill may increase local fund expenditures of individual clerk of court offices by an indeterminable amount. We contacted several of the clerks of court offices that are not currently members of LCRAA. The overall response was that they are unable to determine expenditure costs associated with complying with this bill. Determining expenditure increases would require considering several factors such as program/software changes to meet LCRAA Portal criteria, costs for employees to address LCRAA Portal member criteria, and other miscellaneous operational expenses.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase agency self-generated revenues for LCRAA by an indeterminable amount. There are ten parishes not currently members of the LCRAA. For illustrative purposes, using an average of revenue collected from current members, LCRAA was able to estimate the remaining ten parishes could increase revenue by \$210,000 annually. However, LCRAA is in the process of entering into cooperative endeavor agreements with two of the parishes, which could reduce that estimated revenue significantly.

Some of the clerk of court offices that we contacted estimated that their revenues would decrease due to clients using the LCRAA Portal rather than their online services. However, they were unable to provide us with specific amounts of revenue reduction. An official with LCRAA indicated that the LCRAA Portal only has indexes and has no images of records. In order for someone to see the imaged copy of a record, they would have to pay a fee to individual clerk of court offices (through a subscription fee and a copy fee). LCRAA directs users to the correct Clerk's website so they can view more detailed images.

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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