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Fiscal Note

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

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Subject: Court Costs

COURTS/COURT COSTS EG +\$141,840 LF RV See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides for an increase in court costs in the 14th Judicial District Court

Purpose of Bill: This measure authorizes the 14th Judicial District Court (JDC) to increase court costs from \$5 to a sum not to exceed \$10 in all criminal cases, except for parking violations, against every defendant who is convicted after trial, after a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or who forfeits his bond. In addition, this measure authorizes the 14th JDC to increase fees from \$3 to a sum not to exceed \$20 in all civil cases for every civil filing.

As required by state law, the 14th JDC submitted a proposal to the Judicial Review Council to review their proposed increases in court costs. The Judicial Review Council has reviewed their proposal and found that the proposed costs appear to meet the applicable guidelines.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, REVENUES, 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 for both categories.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase local fund revenues of the 14th JDC by \$141,840 annually.

Based on 2016 and 2017 civil case data from the Calcasieu Parish Clerk of Court, we determined that this bill could increase the 14th JDC's revenue by \$112,285 annually from civil cases (6,605 civil case filings per year x \$17 fee increase).

Based on 2017 criminal case data from the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office, we estimate that this bill could increase the 14th JDC's revenue by \$29,555 annually from criminal cases (5,911 criminal cases per year x \$5 fee increase).

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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