



**OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR  
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 150** HLS 23RS 454  
 Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
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 Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Civil Filing and Service Fees	

FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS OR INCREASE LF RV See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Increases certain fees for justice of the peace courts

**Purpose of Bill:** This bill increases the amount of five existing fees that justices of the peace (JPs) may charge for filings and services in civil matters. In addition, this bill provides for a \$30 fee for out of district service of process. The fees collected must be used for compensation and operating expenses of the office, court, and the ward constable's office.

EXPENDITURES	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>2027-28</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
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>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

  

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

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

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

**The bill may increase annual local fund revenue for JPs, but the exact impact, if any, on each JP is indeterminable as it depends on the number of cases to which the increased fees are applied.**

We obtained information from 3 JPs. These JPs anticipate an annual increase in revenue from the proposed fee increases:

Jefferson Parish 5th Justice Court: \$168,000 increase from the fee increases for eviction proceedings (\$144,000), writ of executions (\$14,400), and new suits (\$9,600). The fee increases for service of judgment and additional service of process are expected to increase revenue by less than \$1,000 each. The JP was unable to provide an estimate on the impact for the out of district service of process fee.

Ascension Parish 2nd Justice Court: \$88,440 increase from the fee increases for new suits (\$35,520), eviction proceedings (\$32,800), service of judgments (\$17,080), and writ of executions (\$3,040). The JP was unable to provide an estimate on the impact for the fee increase for the additional service process. The out of district service of process fee is not expected to impact the revenue of the JP.

East Baton Rouge Parish Ward 3 District 1: \$48,000 increase from the fee increase for new suits. The other four fee increases and the out of district service of process fee are not expected to impact the revenue of the JP.

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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