



**OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 233** HLS 23RS 273
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Marshal of the City Court of Ruston		
Subject: Fees		Analyst: Gary Devall

COURTS/COURT COSTS EG INCREASE LF RV See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides relative to court costs and fees for the City Court of Ruston

Purpose of Bill: This bill changes the prerequisites necessary for implementing changes to the Ruston City Court Marshal's fee schedule that are authorized in Act No. 311 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature. Instead of the fees requiring a favorable recommendation in the 2022 Judicial Council Report to be implemented, the bill provides that any favorable recommendation from the Judicial Council to the Louisiana Legislature, in accordance with R.S. 13:62, will now suffice. The bill also provides for retroactive application of these changes to March 1, 2023.

Note: In accordance with R.S. 13:62, the Judicial Council has provided a favorable recommendation for the fee changes in its *Report of the Judicial Council to the Louisiana State Legislature Regarding Requests for Costs and Fees* dated February 28, 2023.

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase expenditures for the Ruston City Court Marshal by \$32,000 annually.

The Marshal indicated that 60% of the expected increase in fees collected (\$19,200) as a result of this bill will be placed in the Marshal's equipment and training fund and spent on equipment and training as required by law. The remaining 40% of the increase (\$12,800) will be paid to the Marshal as a commission.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase revenue for the Ruston City Court Marshal by \$32,000 annually as the bill allows fee changes previously passed by the Legislature to be implemented.

Based on information from the Marshal, the Marshal currently collects approximately \$32,000 annually from existing fees, predominantly from the \$15 fees. The Marshal expects that these fees will increase to \$30 (an increase of \$15) due to this bill allowing previously approved fee changes to be implemented. Therefore, this bill may increase the Marshal's revenue by \$32,000 annually (\$32,000 current annual fee income / \$15 current fees x \$15 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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