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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 177** HLS 26RS 818

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Exclusion from Two-Year Waiting Period for Rehire	

COURTS/COURT REPORTERS OR NO IMPACT See Note Page 1 of 1
Excludes court reporters from the two-year waiting period for rehiring relative to termination of public service

Current law provides that no former agency head or elected official shall, for a period of two years following the termination of his public service as the head of such agency or as an elected public official serving in such agency, assist another person, for compensation, in such a transaction, or in an appearance in connection with a transaction, involving that agency or render any service on a contractual basis to or for such agency. Proposed law retains current law but authorizes a former official court reporter employed in any judicial district court or city court to be hired on a contractual basis or reemployed with the same court or jurisdiction at any time after retirement or leaving the employment of the court.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

General rules regarding salaries paid for retired employees prohibit those retired employees from being paid more than half their previous salary after reemployment. Court reporters within district courts and city courts are compensated via Local Funds expenditures, and the retirement system in which some court reporters make contributions is the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) of Louisiana, though some contribute to the Parochial Employees Retirement System, and in some limited cases LASERS.

Existing "return to work" rules within each of the respective retirement systems mandate that retired members wait a specific period of time, not exceed a specific salary in part-time work (50% to 60% of their annual retirement benefit payments), or that their receipt of retirement benefit payments is suspended upon returning to full-time work. This note presumes that those retirees will not receive salaries in excess of what is permitted in their respective retirement system's "return to work" rules.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate
 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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