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Fiscal Note

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Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Additional fees for certain copies and file retrievals

COURTS/COURT COSTS EG +\$25,000 LF RV See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides for additional court costs for the New Orleans Municipal Court

Purpose of Bill: To authorize the New Orleans Municipal court to charge up to \$3 for certain copies and to charge \$20 for file retrievals.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total. A second table below shows REVENUES with similar columns and rows, including Local Funds revenue of \$25,000 in 2013-14 and \$20,000 in 2017-18.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

An official with the New Orleans Municipal Court indicated that making copies and retrieval of files are services currently provided and the court is absorbing the costs.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

As a result of this measure, there may be an increase in local revenue of \$25,000 in 2013-2014, decreasing annually to \$20,000 in 2017-2018.

An official with the court estimated that 15-20 documents per day or 3,000-5,000 copies per year would be subject to the fee, generating approximately \$5,000 annually. The New Orleans Municipal Court will continue to allow local, state, and federal agencies to make copies at no charge, and will implement the proposed fee on copies requested by defendants, witnesses, or attorneys.

In addition, it is estimated that 18-20 file retrievals will be requested each week for revenue of approximately \$20,000 beginning in fiscal year 2013-14, decreasing to \$15,000 in fiscal year 2017-18.

- Senate Dual Referral Rules House
13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}
13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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