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Fiscal Note

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Subject: Warrant Recall Fee

COURTS/COURT COSTS EG +\$134,400 LF RV See Note Page 1 of 1
Authorizes the collection of bench warrant fees in the 27th Judicial District Court

Purpose of Bill: The bill creates a warrant recall fee not to exceed \$100 on persons who fail to appear on all misdemeanor and traffic offenses where a warrant for arrest is issued.

Table with columns: EXPENDITURES, REVENUES, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase local expenses by an indeterminable amount.

The bill allows the increased fees to be used to defray the expenses associated with recalling warrants and for the operational expenses of the court. The operational expenses relating to recalling warrants is already an expense of the court and this could decrease if the number of warrant recalls should decrease. However, the court can use the fees for the operational expenses of the court.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This bill will increase local revenue by \$134,400 annually if the maximum fee is levied and the number of warrant recalls remains consistent. According to the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court, there have been 672 bench warrant recalls over the past six months (average of 112 per month). If the maximum fee of \$100 per recall is levied, an additional \$11,200 would be collected each month. This calculates to be \$134,400 annually.

The St Landry Clerk of Court also estimates that the number of warrant recalls will decrease because the defendants will be aware of the additional fee. While this may be true, we are calculating the maximum potential revenue impact based on the past six months of data provided by the clerk of court's office.

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13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}
13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}
6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 Rev. Red. to State {H & S}
6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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