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Provides relative to services provided by coroners

Purpose of Bill: This bill allows coroners to charge increased fees for investigations, viewing bodies, court attendance or testimony, and issuing certain papers. The bill either adjusts or removes certain other fees and establishes that certain fees shall not exceed those customarily charged in other similarly qualified instances.

This bill requires each respective parish provide suitable quarters with necessary supplies and equipment for each coroner's office and decedent storage.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 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.

Table with 7 columns: 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

There may be an increase in local governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

This bill authorizes an increase in certain coroner's fees and either adjusts or removes certain other fees paid by parish and municipal government. This bill also requires each parish to provide facilities for the coroner and to furnish essential supplies and equipment.

The total impact of this bill is unknown since some coroners operate on a salary established by the parish governing authority, a salary plus fees, or by fees alone (and there is no comprehensive listing of how all coroners operate). However, additional costs resulting from this bill, which are to be paid by parish or municipal governing authorities, will cause an increase in expenditures. Based on information provided from officials for three fee-based coroners, the increase in costs to individual parishes and local municipalities may range from an increase of approximately \$4,000 to \$6,600 annually.

Also, certain parishes already provide facilities, supplies, and equipment for coroners while others do not. However, there is no comprehensive data on the subject. Therefore, determining the overall costs associated with providing suitable quarters with necessary supplies and equipment is indeterminable at this time.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase local revenues for fee based coroners in Louisiana.

Based on information provided from officials for three fee-based coroners, the increased fees provided by this bill would increase revenue by a range of approximately \$4,000 to \$6,600 annually, for each of these coroners, or approximately by 100%. The overall impact of this bill on local revenues is unknown since some coroners operate on a salary established by the parish governing authority, a salary plus fees, or by fees alone (and there is no comprehensive listing of how all coroners operate).