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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: HB 92 HLS 16RS 464
Bill Text Version: ENGROSSED
Opp. Chamb. Action:
Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: warrant recall fees

COURTS/COURT COSTS EG -\$722,000 LF RV See Note Page 1 of 1
Repeals the warrant recall fees collected to fund a misdemeanor jail in East Baton Rouge Parish

Purpose of Bill: The bill repeals current law regarding warrant recall fees to fund a misdemeanor detention facility in East Baton Rouge Parish. The bill further provides that all sums collected from the fee and placed in the Misdemeanor Detention Fund be returned to the court that collected the sums.

Table with columns: EXPENDITURES, REVENUES, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill requires that warrant recall fees be returned to the court that collected the sums.

The bill requires all sums collected and placed in the Misdemeanor Detention Fund to be returned to the court that collected those sums. The bill does not provide for the courts' use of the collections. According to the East Baton Rouge Finance Department, none of the collections have been spent because there has not been an appropriation by the East Baton Rouge City/Parish governing authority. It is unknown how or when the courts may spend the money. In addition there may be some reduction in expenditures for the cost of collecting and accounting for the warrant recall fees.

Court Total Collections as of 2/24/16

Table with 2 columns: Court, Total Collections as of 2/24/16. Rows include 19th JDC, EBR Family Court, Zachary City Court, Baker City Court, Baton Rouge City Court, and TOTAL.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This bill will decrease local revenues by \$722,776 annually.

According to the East Baton Rouge Finance Department, since enactment in 2014 of the warrant recall fee, the five courts that were authorized to collect the fees remitted the following:

Court Annual collections 12/31/15

Table with 2 columns: Court, Annual collections 12/31/15. Rows include 19th JDC, EBR Family Court, Zachary City Court, Baker City Court, Baton Rouge City Court, and TOTAL.

We assume that the same level of warrant recall fees would be collected for fiscal years 2017-2021.

- Senate Dual Referral Rules House
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(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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