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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: HB 538 HLS 16RS 1038
Bill Text Version: ENGROSSED
Opp. Chamb. Action:
Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Court reporter fees

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Increases court reporter fees paid in all cases on appeal in the 34th Judicial District Court.

Purpose of Bill: This bill provides that in all cases on appeal, the court reporter will be paid a fee not to exceed \$3.00 for each page transcribed and increases from \$.25 to \$1.50 the per page fee paid by a litigant requesting a copy of the transcript. For matters not on appeal, a litigant requesting a transcript of testimony will enter into a fee-based private civil contract with the court reporter, which fee will be in accordance with fees customarily charged for depositions.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 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.

Table with 7 columns: 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

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

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

A representative from the Clerk of Court's Office and a Court Reporter from the 34th Judicial District Court indicated that these fees are paid directly to the Court Reporter from litigants and therefore would have no impact on local government revenues.

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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(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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