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Fiscal Note

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Opp. Chamb. Action:
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Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Court Costs Analyst: David Greer

COURTS/COURT COSTS RE +\$282,000 LF RV See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides for court costs collected in criminal cases

Purpose of Bill: Effective August 1, 2016, increases costs in certain criminal cases by \$10, including traffic offenses, in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court or Juvenile Court of East Baton Rouge Parish. The additional court costs are to go to the Nineteenth Judicial District Building Commission or to the Juvenile Court of East Baton Rouge Parish. The additional court costs will expire on August 1, 2021.

Act No. 202 of the 2003 Regular Session requires that any new court cost or fee or increase in an existing court cost or fee must first be submitted to the Judicial Council for review and recommendation. Per a review of the 2016 Report of the Judicial Council, there was no application for consideration of the proposed increase in the cost for fees in either the Juvenile or the Family Courts.

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

Local fund expenditures may increase by an indeterminable amount as a result of this measure.

The additional court costs authorized by this bill are to be transmitted to the Sheriff of East Baton Rouge Parish and all sums collected shall be expended pursuant to the order of the judges of the respective courts. Therefore any expenditure increase will be based on an order of the individual courts.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The bill may increase local government revenue by a total of \$282,000 for the 19th Judicial District Court Building Fund or the Juvenile Court of East Baton Rouge Parish.

Juvenile Court

A representative of the Juvenile Court of East Baton Rouge Parish provided the following information:

Estimated applicable traffic cases annually = 241 x \$10 per case = \$2,410 increase annually

Estimated applicable criminal cases annually = 1,500 x \$10 per case = \$15,000 annually

Total for Juvenile Court = \$17,410

19th Judicial District Court

A representative of the 19th JDC provided the following information:

Estimated traffic cases in calendar year 2015 plead/found guilty = 16,792 x \$10 = 167,920 annually

Estimated criminal cases in calendar year 2015 plead/found guilty/forfeited bonds = 9,665 x \$10 = \$96,650

Total for 19th JDC = \$264,570

Senate Dual Referral Rules House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & 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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