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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: HB 773 HLS 16RS 1232
Bill Text Version: REENGROSSED
Opp. Chamb. Action: w/ SEN COMM AMD
Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: 12th and 19th Judicial District Court & Juvenile District
Subject: Court Costs Analyst: David Greer

COURTS/COURT COSTS RE1 +\$441,000 LF RV See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides for court costs in criminal cases, certain fees relative to civil petition filings, and fees in certain mayor's courts

Purpose of Bill: Effective August 1, 2016, increases costs in certain criminal cases by \$10, including traffic offenses, in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court (19th JDC) 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. Any new court cost must first be submitted to the Judicial Council of the Supreme Court for review and recommendation. There was no application for consideration of the proposed increase in the cost for fees in either the Juvenile or the Family Courts. The bill also provides for a new \$10 fee for all civil petition filings in the Twelfth Judicial District Court (12th JDC), to be paid into a newly authorized Avoyelles Parish Courthouse Security Fund, effective with the approval of the Judicial Council of the Supreme Court. Finally, the bill also extends provisions regarding court costs in four municipalities from August 1, 2016 to August 1, 2023.

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

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

The additional court costs authorized in the 19th JDC are to 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. Costs collected in the 12th JDC are to be used for providing security for the Avoyelles Parish Courthouse. The extension of court costs until 2023 provides funding to the 14th JDC Indigent Defender Fund and Town of Iowa.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The bill may increase local government revenues by a total of \$441,130 as follows:

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

12th Judicial District Court

A representative of the 12th JDC provided that civil suits for fiscal year 2015 were 1,352 x \$10 = \$13,520

Total for 12th JDC = \$13,520

Mayor's Courts in Westlake, Iowa, Vinton, and DeQuincy

Representatives of the four mayor's courts provided the following annual collections relative to LRS 33:447.11:

Westlake \$ 19,550

Iowa \$ 90,180 (50% to Town of Iowa and 50% to 14th JDC)

Vinton \$ 29,300

DeQuincy \$ 6,600

Total for 14th JDC \$145,630

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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