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Fiscal Note

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

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Subject: Court Cost

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Provides relative to fees for filing a civil suit or proceeding in 24th Judicial District Court. (2/3 - CA7s2.1)(gov sig)

Purpose of the Bill: This measure authorizes the Twenty-fourth Judicial District Court (JDC) to increase court cost to be collected from each person filing any type of civil suit or proceedings and who is not otherwise exempted by law from the payment of court costs, from \$15 to an amount not to exceed \$35.

As required by state law, the 24th JDC submitted a proposal to the Judicial Review Council to review their proposed increase in court cost. The Judicial Review Council has reviewed their proposal and found that the proposed costs appear to meet the applicable guidelines.

Table with 7 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

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

An official with the 24th JDC indicated the proposed legislation is to increase an existing fee which would not require any implementation costs and the proposed increase would be used to fund operational costs paid from the Court's Judicial Expense Fund.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This measure may increase local government revenues for the 24th JDC.

The court operates on a calendar year, therefore the revenue figures reported above are based on a calendar year and not a fiscal year.

Information obtained from the 24th JDC indicates the court has been experiencing a decrease in the number of civil cases filed during the period of calendar years 2011 through 2015. The court is anticipating the number of filings to continue to decrease each subsequent year, but at a reduced rate.

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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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