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Subject: Court reporter fees

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Provides relative to an increase in fees charged by court reporters in the 27th Judicial District Court

Purpose of Bill: This bill changes the Judicial Council contingency language in present law so that the increases to the court reporter fees enacted by Act No. 194 of the 2015 regular session are contingent upon recommendation from the Judicial Council that such court costs or fees meet the applicable guidelines in its 2018 Report to the Louisiana Legislature.

The bill provides that in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 13:62, the increase in court costs or fees shall become effective if and when the Judicial Council provides a recommendation that such court costs or fees meet the applicable guidelines in its 2018 Report to the Louisiana Legislature.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 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, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase local governmental expenditures of the 27th Judicial District Court's criminal indigent transcript fund by \$10,000 per year.

A representative from the 27th Judicial District Court indicated that the civil transcript fees are paid directly to the court reporter from litigants and therefore would have no impact on local government revenues. However, the criminal transcript fees for indigent defendants are paid by the court from the criminal indigent transcript fund. The representative indicated that the criminal transcript fee increase from \$2.25 to \$3.50 per thirty-one-line page may increase expenditures of the fund by \$7,500 to \$10,000 per year.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate Dual Referral Rules
13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}
13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}

House
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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