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Provides relative to the civil fee account of certain city courts. (8/1/18)

Purpose of the Bill: Relative to the city courts of Abbeville, Kaplan, Crowley, Eunice, Rayne, and Lafayette; this bill provides, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary that interest earned on the civil fee accounts of the city courts may be transferred annually by the judges to the general operational fund of the court and if a surplus of filing fees and costs or unclaimed fees and costs have remained unclaimed for a period of three years or more in the civil fee account of the city courts then the judges of the courts may transfer the amount of the surplus or unclaimed fees and costs to the general operational fund of the court. These provisions shall not affect any claim or right granted to the claimant and each city court shall remain liable to the full amount of any viable claim for unclaimed property in accordance with any other provision of law.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total, all showing \$0.

Table with 7 columns: REVENUES, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total. State Gen. Fd., Ded./Other, and Local Funds are marked 'SEE BELOW'.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Through communications with officials at each city court, the overall conclusion is that there will be no material impact on expenditures. This bill will basically remove certain restrictions on the use of funds in the civil fee accounts of the courts.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This bill may ultimately reduce General Fund revenues.

There will be a one time transfer of approximately \$300,000 from restricted funds of the individual courts to the general operational funds of the individual courts named in this bill (this includes a transfer of \$270,000 in unclaimed funds for the Lafayette City Court). Therefore, there will be no impact to overall local government revenues. However, if these funds were submitted as unclaimed property to the State Treasurer's Office, a portion of the unclaimed property would ultimately be available for General Fund use.

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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