



**OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR  
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **SB 71** SLS 21RS 317  
 Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Deposits for Civil Trials by Jury		

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 Provides relative to civil jury trials and deposits for costs and expenses. (8/1/21) (2/3 - CA7s2.1(A))

**Purpose of Bill:** This bill requires parties requesting/involved in civil jury trials to deposit cash with the court for jury expenses by eliminating the option to file a bond for these expenses. In addition, this bill requires parties requesting the jury trial to deposit \$5,000 in cash within 60 days of filing the request, which is currently only required for certain lawsuits. This bill also increases the maximum deposit that the court can require from \$2,000 to \$10,000 for the first day of trial and from \$400 to \$1,000 for each additional day that the court estimates the trial will last.

EXPENDITURES	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

  

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

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

An official with the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association indicated that the bill is not expected to impact the expenditures of the Clerks of Court in the state. In addition, officials with the Clerks of Court in the parishes of Caddo, East Baton Rouge, Natchitoches and St. Landry indicated that this bill would not impact the expenditures of their respective offices.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

**There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure, but this bill may affect the timing of when payments for the cost of civil jury trials are collected.**

An official with the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association indicated that the bill is not expected to impact the revenue of the Clerks of Court in the state. In addition, officials with the Clerks of Court in the parishes of Caddo, East Baton Rouge, Natchitoches and St. Landry indicated that this bill would not impact the revenues of their respective offices. However, the bill would make funding more readily available to the Clerks of Court for meeting cost demands.

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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