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Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 297** HLS 21RS 882
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 Provides relative to mayor's courts providing notice

Purpose of Bill: This bill requires mayor's courts to mail a notice to certain defendants at least 20 days prior to notifying the Department of Public Safety and Corrections (Department) to suspend the defendant's driver's license. In addition, this bill provides that the court will be responsible for any fees due to the Department for erroneously submitted violations that were previously resolved by payment or dismissal. This bill also provides that the court will not be eligible to submit notices to the Department for license suspensions for 12 months if the court erroneously submitted violations or failed to mail defendants the required notice 5 or more times in a 12 month period.

EXPENDITURES	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase local fund expenditures by an indeterminable amount.

We spoke to an official with the Louisiana Municipal Association regarding the potential impact of this bill on local government expenditures. The official informed us that due to the varying operations of the 210 mayor's courts across the state, it would be difficult to provide an overall expenditure impact (e.g., some courts may be sending notices while others are not). Although an overall impact would be difficult to calculate, we spoke with several state and local officials in order to provide some type of estimate of the potential impact on local government expenditures.

An official with the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) indicated that the OMV suspended 24,473 Louisiana Driver's Licenses in 2019 at the request of mayor's courts, pursuant to LA R.S. 32:57.1. Conventional United States Postal Service postage costs are \$0.55 per mailing. Assuming that all of these suspensions would now have required a mailed notice, annual mail outs could potentially cost \$13,460.15 per year (24,473 violations x \$0.55 per mail out).

The OMV was unable to provide the number of suspensions that were erroneous. In addition, we reached out to several mayor's courts throughout the state to estimate the potential number of erroneously submitted suspension requests, but these courts did not have a material amount of errors to report.

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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