



**OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR  
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 671** HLS 21RS 1161  
 Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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| <b>Date:</b> June 8, 2021  | 11:40 AM | <b>Author:</b> JOHNSON, TRAVIS |
| <b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Courts and Coroners Offices in Certain Parishes |          | <b>Analyst:</b> Jamie Mergist  |
| <b>Subject:</b> Court Fees   |          |                                |

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 Provides relative to fees dedicated to the operational costs of the office of the coroner in certain parishes

**Purpose of Bill:** This bill authorizes all courts in East Carroll Parish, Madison Parish, and Tensas Parish to impose a court fee of between \$5 and \$10 on defendants who are convicted or plea guilty in criminal cases, including traffic violations. This fee is to be used to defray the operational costs of coroner offices in their respective parishes.

This bill specifies that this fee does not have to be approved by the Judicial Council prior to implementation.

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|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 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         | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      |                      |
| <b>Annual Total</b> |                |                |                |                |                |                      |

  

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

**There may be an increase in local fund expenditures by the amount collected in fees as a result of this measure.**

According to the Tensas Parish Coroner, money generated from these fees will be used to pay expenditures of his office that are currently paid using his own money. Therefore, local governmental expenditures will increase as money generated from these fees is used to defray the cost of the Coroner's office. While we do not have information for the coroners for East Carroll Parish and Madison Parish, we expect similar increases in expenditures for these coroner offices as they spend money generated by these fees for the purposes set forth in the bill.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

**This bill may increase local fund revenues by an indeterminable amount.**

Based on criminal case data provided by the District Attorney's Offices for East Carroll Parish and Tensas Parish and the Mayors' Court in Richmond, we estimate that this bill may increase local governmental revenue by up to \$43,020 annually (4,302 cases annually x \$10 per case) for criminal cases handled by these entities. However, the overall impact of this bill is indeterminable at this time due to a lack of complete criminal case data for courts in East Carroll Parish, Madison Parish, and Tensas Parish.

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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