

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 489** HLS 22RS 783

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Court costs in family court in the 19th JDC		

COURTS/COURT COSTS

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Provides relative to court costs in the Family Court of East Baton Rouge Parish

Proposed legislation increases the statutory amount of the filing fees, from \$25 to \$35 per case, in the 19th Judicial District Family Court that shall be deposited into the Judicial Expense Fund for the family court.

EXPENDITURES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
REVENUES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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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						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There will be an increase in revenue to the Judicial Expense Fund for the 19th Judicial District Family Court. R.S. 13:966.3 provides for the statutory amount of local filing fees that are to be deposited into the Judicial Expense Fund for the family court. The proposed legislation increases the statutory amount from \$25 to \$35 per filing. The Judicial Expense Fund is used to fund the salaries for court staff and other operational expenses.

For illustrative purposes only: According to the Judicial Administrator for the 19th JDC Family Court, there were 5,673 filings in calendar year 2021 which resulted in total collections of \$114,917. Fees were not collected on all of those filings as some parties were granted fee waivers and other parties paid partial fees. However, if the family court had collected the full fees and \$25 was transferred to the Judicial Expense Fund on all filings, the total revenue collected would have been \$141,825. Under the proposed law, \$35 will be transferred to the Judicial Expense Fund on those 5,673 filings resulting in revenue collections of \$198,555.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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