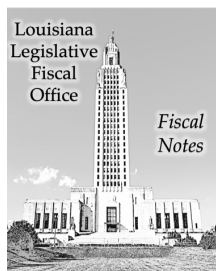


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Fiscal Note On: **HB 653** HLS 22RS 782

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Opp. Chamb. Action: **W/ SEN FLOOR AMD**

Proposed Amd.:

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COURTS/COURT COSTS EGF INCREASE LF RV See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides relative to court costs in the Family Court of East Baton Rouge Parish

Current law provides that in all civil and criminal cases a fee not to exceed \$1.50 per 31-line page and \$0.25 per copy reported and transcribed shall be charged by and be paid to the court reporter who reported and transcribed the testimony.

Proposed law provides the fees for court transcripts shall be determined by a majority of the judges of the East Baton Rouge Family Court (19th JDC), but may not exceed \$2.50 per 31-line page and those fees shall be paid to the court reporter. Shall become effective upon approval of the Judicial Council.

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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						
REVENUES	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	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There will be an indeterminable increase in expenditures for the 19th Judicial District Family Court to the extent the family court judges increase the fees charged for court transcripts. Court transcript fees are charged as costs of the case. Once paid to the clerk of court, those fees are then paid to the court reporter.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There will be an increase in revenue for the 19th Judicial District Family Court to the extent the family court judges increase the fees charged for court transcripts. Currently, R.S. 13:961(F)(1)(a) provides for a fee not to exceed \$1.50 per 31-line page and \$0.25 per copy reported and transcribed to be charged as costs of the case. The fee shall be paid to the court reporter who reported and transcribed the testimony. The proposed law would allow the fee charged to be determined by the family court judges, but shall not exceed \$2.50 per 31-line page. For the purposes of this note, LFO assumes that the judges will raise the fees paid to court reporters for transcripts. Per current law, a number of other judicial districts pay more than the \$1.50 per 31-line page and \$0.25 per copy.

For illustrative purposes only: In FY 21, the clerk of court received payment of approximately \$13,000 for 16 transcripts. For FY 22 YTD, a total of \$7,177 has been paid for 5 transcripts.

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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