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Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 347** HLS 23RS 310
 Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Court Costs and Fees	

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 Provides relative to court costs and filing fees in Alexandria City Court

Purpose of Bill: Current law provides that the City Court of Alexandria (Court) is to use the criminal fees for its operating expenditures, while the City of Alexandria (City) receives the civil fees for its own usage. This bill changes this by providing that the Court will use the civil fees, while the City will use the criminal fees.

EXPENDITURES	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>2027-28</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>
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Annual Total						

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

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on overall governmental revenue as a result of this bill, as the bill only shifts existing civil and criminal fee revenue between the Court and the City.

Based on information from the Court and the City, it appears that annual criminal and civil fee revenue varies from year to year, with criminal fees being higher than civil fees in some years and vice versa. As a result, the City and Court's revenue may increase or decrease as a result of this bill depending on the relative amount of criminal and civil fee revenue collected from year to year, however, the overall net impact is \$0.

The City Court of Alexandria reported the following fee revenues for the past five fiscal years.

Year	Civil	Criminal
2018	\$154,999.00	\$317,190.00
2019	\$146,066.75	\$248,144.00
2020	\$155,812.75	\$134,666.00
2021	\$122,422.50	\$187,381.00
2022	\$131,145.75	\$171,986.00

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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