



**OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 650** HLS 23RS 856
 Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**
 Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ SEN COMM AMD**
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.: HB 507

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Dept./Agy.: Police Juries, Municipalities, and School Boards		
Subject: Publishing Official Proceedings		Analyst: Courtney Stevenson

PRINTING RE1 SEE FISC NOTE LF EX Page 1 of 1
 Provides relative to compensation for printing of the official proceedings of political subdivisions

Purpose of Bill: This bill changes the pricing model for the official journals/newspapers used by parish and municipal governing authorities and school boards to publish official proceedings. The bill also provides for implementation in two stages through January 1, 2027. In addition, the bill provides requirements for record retention and related matters.

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	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
Annual Total						
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill may decrease local fund expenditures by approximately \$1.2 million to \$2 million once fully implemented in 2027.


We were unable to obtain the data necessary to estimate the **exact** impact of the bill on local governments. However, we were able to obtain some limited information from the Louisiana Municipal Association, the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Education, and the Louisiana Press Association that allowed us to calculate the **approximate** impact of this bill. We estimate that the bill may decrease annual expenditures of parish and municipal governing authorities and school boards by approximately \$1.2 million to \$2 million, based on an estimated \$8.1 million spent annually on official journal printing by these local government entities, and a projected reduction of 15% to 25% in official journal printing costs.

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}


 Steven Kraemer
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