

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 789** HLS 24RS 1736

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Court Reporter Fees - 14th Judicial District		

COURTS/COURT REPORTERS EG INCREASE LF RV See Note  
Provides relative to court reporter fees in the Fourteenth Judicial District

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Current law provides that in all cases reported and transcribed in the 14th Judicial District for appeal, a fee of \$3.25 per page for originals, and \$0.75 per page for each copy, shall be charged by and paid to the reporter; provides that in those cases which are reported but not transcribed, one-half of the fees provided for originals or copies of cases reported shall be charged by and paid to the reporter. Proposed law extends the application of fees to all cases reported and transcribed in the 14th Judicial District; provides that in all cases, a majority of the judges shall determine the amount of the fee paid to the court reporter for the transcription of each page of all testimony reported and transcribed and the amount of the fee per copy of each page of transcribed testimony, and that a majority of the judges shall determine the amount of the fee paid for cases reported but not transcribed and that fees shall be retained by the reporter; provides that any change in costs or fees becomes effective if and when the Judicial Council provides a recommendation that the costs or fees meet applicable guidelines in its report to the legislature; provides that no fees shall be imposed or collected w/o Judicial Council approval.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

  

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Local Funds	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	
<b>Annual Total</b>						

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

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

The proposed law may result in an additional workload in the 14th Judicial District Court related to court reporters producing originals and copies of cases reported and transcribed. To the extent that the 14th Judicial District Court experiences an increase in workload, the LFO presumes that it can be handled using existing staff and resources.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

The proposed legislation will likely result in an indeterminable increase in Local Funds revenue to the 14th Judicial District Court. Proposed law extends the application of fees to all cases that are reported and transcribed in the 14th Judicial District, and not only those reported and transcribed for appeal, and allows a majority of judges to set the amount of the fee paid to the court reporter for transcription of each page of all testimony reported and transcribed. The exact fiscal impact to Local Funds revenue is indeterminable, because it is not known the number of cases that will be reported and transcribed, notwithstanding those already transcribed for appeal, in the future, or the rates at which the majority of judges will choose to set the fees for transcription and reporting.

Note: The LFO is working with the 14th Judicial District Court Judicial Administrator to generate information regarding past requests for cases reported and transcribed for appeal and other reasons, to determine the potential impact to revenue that may be generated. This information will be provided as it becomes available.

Senate  
 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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