



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 123** HLS 25RS 425

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Clerks of Court		
Subject: Deferral of Court Costs (State and Subdivisions)		Analyst: Daniel Druilhet

COURTS/COURT COSTS

OR NO IMPACT See Note

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Provides relative to deferral of costs and fees associated with electronic filing requirements

Current law provides that the state, any political subdivision, and any agent, officer, or employee of any such governmental entity when acting within the scope and authority of such employment or when discharging official duties may temporarily defer court costs; provides that it is the responsibility of governmental entities who defer court costs under current law to pay any deferred costs assessed against them or their agents, officers, or employees within 30 days of the judgment becoming final or to assist in the collection of court costs due by the opposing litigants by requesting the court to tax costs according to current law. Proposed law provides for the definition of court costs; removes the 30-day period within which governmental entities who defer court costs are required to assist in the collection of those costs due by opposing litigants; provides that when a judgment is rendered against the state, political subdivision, or agent, officer, or employee thereof, the costs shall not be payable to the clerk of court until the judgment becomes final and definitive under current law or is otherwise non-appealable or non-reviewable, and until all issues in the judicial proceeding are adjudicated.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	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	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure. The proposed law only removes the stipulation mandating that governmental entities who defer court costs make payment of those deferred court costs within 30 days of an adverse judgment being rendered against them, and extends it to when the judgment becomes final and definitive or otherwise non-appealable or non-reviewable. To the extent that the proposed law still requires governmental entities who defer court costs to make payment of those court costs after an adverse judgment against them becomes final, governmental revenue would not be impacted.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

- ☐ 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
- ☐ 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

- ☐ 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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