# Louisiana Legislative Fiscal Office Fiscal Notes

### LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE Fiscal Note

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Analyst: Daniel Druilhet

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Provides for malfeasance in office relative to traffic cameras for the issuance of citations. (8/1/25)

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<u>Current law</u> provides the definition for malfeasance in office; provides for the use of handheld speed recording devices and the applicable restrictions placed on their use. <u>Proposed law</u> adds violating the prohibitions of unmanned traffic cameras or speed limit enforcement devices used for the purpose of issuing citations by mail to the crime of malfeasance in office; provides that the use of unmanned automated speed enforcement devices or mobile speed cameras mounted in a vehicle or deployed at various locations to monitor and record the speed traffic for the purpose of issuing a citation by mail intentionally inconsistent with approved use, shall be punishable by imprisonment for no more than 10 years, with or without hard labor, or no more than a \$5,000 fine, or both, restitution to the state, or immediate revocation of P.O.S.T. certification; provides that criminal fines or fees shall not be imposed as a result of automated speed enforcement devices or portable mobile speed cameras, nor shall failure to pay citations result in reporting to credit bureaus; provides that automated speed enforcement devices and mobile speed cameras shall not be used anywhere other than school zones lawfully posted; strictly prohibits use of red light cameras; requires local municipal authorities to post signs indicating presence of automated speed enforcement devices or mobile speed cameras; provides for administrative hearings or review regarding adverse decisions on citations.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW					
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					
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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#### **EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

<u>Proposed law</u> may result in an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures in the Department of Public Safety & Corrections - Corrections Services (DPS&C-CS), to the extent that a person is convicted for malfeasance in office. While the <u>proposed law</u> does not enhance penalties for potential offenders, it adds specific circumstances under which persons can be prosecuted under <u>current law</u>. <u>Proposed law</u> (malfeasance in office) is a relative felony, and any impact on either state or local expenditures is contingent on whether persons sustain either misdemeanor or felony-grade convictions for its violation.

To the extent that offenders sustain a felony-grade conviction for violation of the <u>proposed law</u>, DPS&C-CS will sustain an indeterminable increase in expenditures. For those convicted, sentenced, and then subsequently housed in a state facility, DPS&C-CS will sustain expenditures of \$107.60 per offender per day. For those housed in local facilities, DPS&C-CS will sustain expenditures of \$26.39 per offender per day. DPS&C-CS advises that impacts on offender populations are anticipated to impact the number of offenders held in local facilities, and that in managing its offender population, it seeks to fill all beds in state facilities first, then assigns overflow offenders to local facilities.

To the extent that offenders sustain a misdemeanor conviction for violation of the <u>proposed law</u>, local governing authorities will sustain Local Funds expenditures. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation to local governing authorities is indeterminable, since it is not known how many people will be convicted and incarcerated in local facilities, nor the length of the sentences assessed with those convictions as a result of its potential enactment. The maximum imprisonment term is no more than 10 years.

For informational purposes, DPS&C-CS reports that for the last five years, those convicted of malfeasance in office have served 3.64 years of imprisonment.

#### **REVENUE EXPLANATION**

<u>Proposed law</u> may result in an indeterminable increase in local revenues as a result of convictions of malfeasance in office. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation on local revenue is indeterminable, as the fines that would be imposed on those convicted are optional, and the amount of fines, if imposed, may vary. The potential revenue will accrue to the local governing authority. [CONTINUED ON PAGE 2]

<u>Senate</u>	Dual Referral Rules	House	
13.5.1 >=	\$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}	6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}	France Tomors
	\$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}	6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	Patrice Thomas Deputy Fiscal Officer



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#### **Orleans Parish Office of the Public Defender**

<u>Proposed law</u> will likely result in a decrease of \$825,000 in annual Local revenues to the Orleans Parish Office of the Public Defender, to the extent that revenues collected from citations or no longer issued for speeding recorded by handheld, manned, or unmanned automated speed enforcement devices or mobile speed cameras mounted in vehicles or deployed at various locations to monitor and record the speed of passing traffic. The Orleans Parish Office of the Public Defender is the only office that receives revenues from citations issued from mobile speed cameras and will lose this source of revenue with enactment of the proposed law.

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13.5.1 >=	\$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}	$\bigcirc$ 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}	Somos Nomor
☐ 13.5.2 >=	\$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee	6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase	Patrice Thomas
	Change {S & H}	or a Net Fee Decrease (S)	Deputy Fiscal Officer