

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



Fiscal Note On: **SR 120** SLS 25RS 1446

Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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| <b>Date:</b> June 11, 2025                           | 3:10 PM | <b>Author:</b> BARROW       |
| <b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Courts                            |         | <b>Analyst:</b> Julie Silva |
| <b>Subject:</b> Senate study on 19th JDC court costs |         |                             |

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 Requests the Senate Committee on Finance, or a subcommittee thereof, to study and make recommendations on court costs in suits involving the state and political subdivisions in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court.  
 Proposed resolution requests that the Senate Committee on Finance, or a subcommittee thereof, in conjunction with the Louisiana 19th Judicial District Court, the East Baton Rouge Clerk of Court, and the Department of Justice, study court costs incurred by the 19th Judicial District Court resulting from suits involving the state and political subdivisions. Additionally requests the committee or subcommittee to make a recommendation to the legislature to alleviate the financial burden placed on the 19th Judicial District Court due to such proceedings, prior to the convening of the 2026 Regular Session.

| EXPENDITURES        | 2025-26          | 2026-27    | 2027-28    | 2028-29    | 2029-30    | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
|---------------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| State Gen. Fd.      | <b>SEE BELOW</b> | \$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>    |

  

| REVENUES            | 2025-26    | 2026-27    | 2027-28    | 2028-29    | 2029-30    | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
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| 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>    |

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed Senate Resolution may result in an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures in FY 26. The proposed resolution requests the Senate Finance Committee in conjunction with the Louisiana 19th Judicial District Court, the East Baton Rouge Clerk of Court, and the Department of Justice to study and make recommendations concerning costs incurred by the 19th Judicial District Court resulting from suits involving the state and political subdivisions.

To the extent the committee or subcommittee meets outside of session, senators will be eligible for per diem for each meeting attended at the current rate of \$178. In addition to per diem, members will be eligible to receive reimbursement for travel to meetings according to state travel regulations (PPM 49).

The LFO assumes any meeting costs can be absorbed within existing budgetary resources.

**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}

  
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