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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 562** HLS 26RS 1025

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Nineteenth Judicial District Court		
Subject: Transcription Fees in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court		Analyst: Daniel Druilhet

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Provides relative to transcript fee provisions for the Nineteenth Judicial District Court

Current law provides for court reporter transcript fees in the various judicial district courts in Louisiana. Proposed law provides that in all civil and non-indigent criminal cases, the court reporter fee shall not exceed \$6 per 32-line page transcript nor \$2 per page per certified copy reported and transcribed; provides that in all criminal indigent cases, a fee not to exceed \$3.50 per 32-line page transcript and \$1 per page per certified copy reported and transcribed shall be charged by and paid to the court reporter who reported and transcribed the testimony; provides that when an expedited transcript is requested, the following fees may be charged pursuant to proposed law - (1) for transcription within 24 hours, a court reporter may charge two times the allowable per page rate set, (2) for transcription within 48 hours, a court reporter may charge an additional \$3 per page over the allowable per page rate set; (3) for transcription within 5 days, a court reporter may charge an additional \$1 per page over the allowable per page rate set.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	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	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
Annual Total						
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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

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in an indeterminable decrease in Local Funds expenditures in the Indigent Transcript Fund in the 19th Judicial District Court, for production of transcripts in criminal indigent cases. Proposed law has the effect of decreasing court reporter transcript fees in criminal indigent cases in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court from \$6.50 per 31-line page reported and transcribed to \$3.50 per 32-line page transcript reported and transcribed. The exact fiscal impact is indeterminable, as the amount expended in the Indigent Transcript Fund for reporting and transcription of criminal indigent cases within the Nineteenth Judicial District Court fluctuates year to year.

Note: The LFO is working with the Nineteenth Judicial District Court Administrator to determine the magnitude of the impact of the proposed law.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure. Court reporters within the Nineteenth Judicial District Court retain all revenue generated from production of transcripts and independently manage their own billing processes.

Senate

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}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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