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Provides for an increase in court costs in the Traffic Court of New Orleans

Purpose of Bill: This measure authorizes the Traffic Court of New Orleans to impose additional court costs not to exceed \$30. This fee is to be taxed against all traffic violations other than parking. The fee shall be imposed on any defendant who is convicted after trial, pleads guilty or nolo contendere, or who forfeits his bond.

As required by state law, these additional court costs were reviewed by the Judicial Council, which provided its recommendation for approval to the legislature.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase the local governmental expenditures of the court as funds are used to defray court operating expenditures.

The expenditures of the court will increase as these funds are used to defray the court's operating expenditures. According to an official with the Traffic Court of New Orleans, expenditures could increase by approximately \$1,400,000.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase local governmental revenues for the Traffic Court of New Orleans by approximately \$2,100,000 annually.

This bill authorizes the Traffic Court of New Orleans to impose a \$30 court cost on certain defendants. Based on information obtained from the court, this bill may increase court revenue by \$2,100,000 annually (\$30 court cost x 70,000 paid citations per year). This figure represents the maximum potential impact of the bill based on 70,000 citations.

However, an official with the Traffic Court of New Orleans indicated that court revenue may increase by \$1,400,000 as the court intends to only assess a \$20 court cost.

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[ ] 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 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}
[ ] 6.8(F)2 >= \$100,000 Annual SGF Cost {H&S}
[ ] 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}
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