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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: HB 23 HLS 13RS 245
Bill Text Version: ENGROSSED
Opp. Chamb. Action:
Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Various Parish Clerks of Court Analyst: Glenda Leblanc
Subject: Automobile Expense Allowance

COURTS EG +\$194,900 LF EX See Note Page 1 of 1

Provides for an automobile allowance for the Clerk of Court of Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto, Lincoln, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Ouachita, St. Helena and Webster parishes

Purpose of Bill: The proposed legislation provides for an automobile expense allowance for the Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto, Lincoln, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Ouachita, St. Helena and Webster Clerks of Court equal to 15% of the Clerks' annual salaries, provided that the Clerks maintain automobile insurance in the amount of \$300,000 per accident for bodily injury and \$100,000 per accident for property damage.

The expense allowance shall come from surplus funds in each of the Clerks' offices and at no additional expense to the state or local governing authority.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

Table with 7 columns: REVENUES, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Local governmental expenditures may increase by approximately \$194,900 annually as a result of this measure. Based on salary information provided by the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association, the automobile expense allowance for each Clerk of Court may increase expenditures of each respective Clerk's office by approximately:

- 1) Bienville \$17,300
2) Bossier 18,900
3) Caddo 20,500
4) Claiborne 17,300
5) DeSoto 16,400
6) Lincoln 17,300
7) Webster 17,300
8) Morehouse 17,300
9) Ouachita 18,900
10) Natchitoches 17,300
11) St. Helena 16,400
Total \$194,900

We contacted two Clerks of Court that currently receive the automobile expense allowance. They informed us that they do not include the personal expense allowance (as provided by R.S. 13:782(H)) as part of the Clerk's annual salary when calculating the automobile expense allowance. This current practice was also confirmed by the Clerks of Court Association.

We did not factor in the personal expense allowance in the figures above. If the personal expense allowance is included as part of the annual salary, the automobile expense allowance will increase by a minimal amount.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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[X] 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} [] 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {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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