



# OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **SB 544** SLS 14RS 745  
Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**  
Opp. Chamb. Action:  
Proposed Amd.:  
Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Jurisdiction and Vital Records; Practice of Law	

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Provides relative to the Second City Court of the city of New Orleans. (8/1/14)

**Purpose of Bill:** This bill provides that: 1) for cases within the jurisdiction of the **Second City Court of New Orleans**, the amount in dispute or value of property involved does not exceed \$25,000; 2) the Court may issue certain vital records and collect related fees as specified by statute; and 3) the Court shall be subject to the provisions governing security of vital records information in the same manner as provided for the state registrar.

This bill also repeals R.S. 13:1875(10)(c) and amends R.S. 13:1952(15)(a) allowing judges of the **City Court of Monroe** to practice law.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

  

REVENUES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
<b>Annual Total</b>						

### EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

According to officials with **Second City Court of New Orleans**, this measure is amending the jurisdictional limit statute of the court to reflect current practice. Therefore, no additional cases will be heard by the Court, and there is no anticipated change in expenditures.

According to officials with the **Civil District Court of Orleans Parish**, there is no anticipated impact on expenditures as a result of this bill.

It appears that there may be no fiscal impact on **governmental expenditures** regarding the provision allowing the judges in the **City Court of Monroe** to practice law.

### REVENUE EXPLANATION

**There may be no direct material effect on governmental revenues of the Second City Court of New Orleans as a result of this bill. Regarding the City Court of Monroe, the impact on governmental revenues as a result of this bill is indeterminable.**

According to an official with the **Second City Court of New Orleans**, the revenue increase to the Court from fees collected for providing copies of vital records is not expected to be substantial/material.

Regarding the practice of law by judges in the **City Court of Monroe**: (1) assuming there is no change in case load, revenues will remain the same; (2) if the practice of law by the judges results in a decrease of the case load, revenues could decrease. Officials with the City Court recognized the possibility of such effects, but could not quantify them.

- Senate Dual Referral Rules House
- 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) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
  - 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S}
  - 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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