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Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **SB 40** SLS 14RS 221  
 Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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| <b>Subject:</b> Court Costs                |                                |

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 Provides relative to certain court costs in the City Court of Lafayette. (8/1/14)

**Purpose of Bill:** This measure increases the maximum court cost for the City Court of Lafayette from \$15 to \$30 for every defendant who is convicted after trial or after a plea of guilty or who forfeits his bond. These funds are to be used by the marshal of each court to defray operational expenses or for the purchase of law enforcement equipment.

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

| <b>EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>2014-15</b> | <b>2015-16</b> | <b>2016-17</b> | <b>2017-18</b> | <b>2018-19</b> | <b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b> |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| State Gen. Fd.      | \$0            | \$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         | INCREASE       | INCREASE       | INCREASE       | INCREASE       | INCREASE       |                      |
| <b>Annual Total</b> |                |                |                |                |                |                      |

  

| <b>REVENUES</b>     | <b>2014-15</b>  | <b>2015-16</b>  | <b>2016-17</b>  | <b>2017-18</b>  | <b>2018-19</b>  | <b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b> |
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

**There may be an increase in local fund expenditures as a result of this measure.**

The proposed measure provides that the fees collected shall be used to defray operational expenses of the Marshal's Office of each court for the purchase of law enforcement equipment. Therefore, this bill may increase expenditures as funds are spent in accordance with the bill.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

**There may be an increase in local fund revenues as a result of this measure.**

According to the Louisiana Supreme Court's Annual Report that was provided by the Lafayette City Court, there were approximately 30,011 criminal and traffic cases heard in 2013. Although the amounts collected may fluctuate, the proposed court cost increase from \$15 to \$30 applied to 30,011 cases may result in an additional \$450,165 annually for the court as a result of this increase.

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| <u>Senate</u>   | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}       |                            |              | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S}                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} |                            |              | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

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