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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **SB 237** SLS 15RS 288

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: City Court in New Orleans	Analyst: David Greer
Subject: Provides for civil jurisdiction	

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Provides relative to the jurisdictional limitation of certain city courts and to the constable of the first city court of New Orleans and his deputies. (gov sig)

Purpose of Bill: This bill increases the limitation for civil jurisdiction in a city court in New Orleans and the City Court of Ville Platte. This measure provides that civil jurisdiction in a city court in New Orleans is concurrent with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute, or the value of property involved, does not exceed \$35,000. Current law sets this amount at \$25,000. The measure further increases jurisdiction in the City Court of Ville Platte from \$15,000 to \$25,000. The bill also provides for the powers of peace officers, power to make arrests, and exemption from liability for the constable of the First City Court of New Orleans.

EXPENDITURES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There will be no overall impact to expenditures from this measure. Due to some cases being heard in city court rather than district court, expenditures may shift from one court to the other.

According to the constable of the First City Court of New Orleans, there will be no fiscal impact to the constable from this measure.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The fiscal impact of this measure is indeterminable. This change may result in future civil cases being filed in a city court rather than in the district court which may shift revenue from one court to the other. Fee schedules for both courts that were provided by a representative of Orleans Civil District Court show different fees for different types of proceedings. It is not possible to know the number or type of filings that MAY go to city court rather than district court. Some fees are higher for district court while others are lower.

A representative of the City Court of Ville Platte stated that there is no way to know the fiscal impact because it is unknown how many cases may shift to city court rather than district court.

According to the constable of the First City Court of New Orleans, there will be no fiscal impact to the constable from this measure.

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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 Rev. Red. to State {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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