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Subject: Provides for civil jurisdiction and authority of constables

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Provides for the jurisdictional limitation of certain city courts and the authority of constables of the First/Second City Court of New Orleans and their deputies and provides for judicial building fund for the Civil District Court for the parish of Orleans.

Purpose of Bill: This bill increases the limitation for civil jurisdiction in the City Court of Ville Platte. This measure provides that civil jurisdiction in the City Court of Ville Platte is concurrent with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute, or the value of property involved, does not exceed \$25,000. Current law sets this amount at \$15,000.

The bill also provides for the powers of peace officers, power to make arrests, and exemption from liability for the constables of the First and Second City Court of New Orleans.

An amendment to the bill adds provisions relative to the judicial building fund of the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 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, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and 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. We assume this to also be true for the constable of the Second City Court of New Orleans.

An amendment relative to the judicial building fund of the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans allows for lease of a facility for use as a courthouse as an alternative to construction. This amendment should not result in a significant fiscal impact.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The fiscal impact on local fund revenues is indeterminable. This change may result in future civil cases being filed in a city court rather than in the district court. Fees may be higher in some cases for district court and higher for others in city court. Since it is difficult to determine which court will be chosen and for what fee generating offense, the fiscal impact is indeterminable at this time.

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. We assume this to also be true for the constable of the Second City Court of New Orleans.

An amendment relative to the judicial building fund of the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans extends the date by which certain actions must occur before additional charges terminate and allows for lease of a facility for use as a courthouse as an alternative to construction. This amendment should not result in a significant fiscal impact.

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6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 Rev. Red. to State {H & S}
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