

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 224** HLS 16RS 32

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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| <b>Date:</b> May 2, 2016                                 | 8:34 AM | <b>Author:</b> LEGER        |
| <b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Judiciary                             |         | <b>Analyst:</b> Zachary Rau |
| <b>Subject:</b> Court Costs to Fund the Judicial College |         |                             |

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Provides with respect to court costs collected on civil filings to fund the Judicial College

Proposed law assesses a \$0.50 fee on all initial filings in civil matters, as well as a \$0.50 court cost for all criminal convictions, including traffic offenses. Proposed law provides that all revenues raised via the \$0.50 fee be remitted to the LA Judicial College to defray costs associated with growth and program improvement. Proposed law requires the LA Supreme Court to audit accounts associated with the \$0.50 fee annually and file the audit with the legislative auditor, who shall then make it available for public inspection. Proposed law repeals and reorganizes present law associated with the \$0.50 Judicial College fee.

| <b>EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>2016-17</b> | <b>2017-18</b> | <b>2018-19</b> | <b>2019-20</b> | <b>2020-21</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         | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <b><u>\$0</u></b>    |
| <b>Annual Total</b> | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>           |

  

| <b>REVENUES</b>     | <b>2016-17</b> | <b>2017-18</b> | <b>2018-19</b> | <b>2019-20</b> | <b>2020-21</b> | <b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b> |
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| State Gen. Fd.      | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | <b>\$0</b>           |
| Agy. Self-Gen.      | INCREASE       | INCREASE       | INCREASE       | INCREASE       | INCREASE       |                      |
| Ded./Other          | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | <b>\$0</b>           |
| Federal Funds       | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | <b>\$0</b>           |
| Local Funds         | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <b><u>\$0</u></b>    |
| <b>Annual Total</b> |                |                |                |                |                |                      |

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

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

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will increase self-generated revenues to the LA Judicial College by an indeterminable amount. The proposed legislation expands an existing \$0.50 fee currently levied on all initial civil filings and some traffic violation filings and convictions statewide. The proposed legislation levies the \$0.50 fee on convictions for felonies, misdemeanors, violations of local ordinances, including traffic felonies, traffic misdemeanors, and local traffic violations while removing the fee from traffic filings. Because the number of filings and convictions that may occur in a given year is unknown, the exact increase is indeterminable.

For reference, a 2016 Legislative Auditor report found that the LA Supreme Court raised \$263,515 using the old fee schedule in FY 15. Based upon data from the LA Supreme Court's 2015 annual report and discussions with LA Supreme Court staff, the number of cases in 2015 that would have been eligible for the \$0.50 fee totals 582,132. Multiplying the number of eligible cases by \$0.50 yields total revenues of \$291,066 (582,132 cases \* \$0.50). Subtracting the prior year total with the projected number of eligible cases yields a revenue increase of \$27,551 (\$291,066 - \$263,515). However, the exact revenue increase is indeterminable because the number of filings and convictions that may occur in a given year fluctuates.

Proposed law does mention an effective date, but the Legislative Fiscal Office assumes it will be enacted during FY 17.

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| <u>Senate</u>   | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u>   | <u>House</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}       | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {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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