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Fiscal Note

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COURTS EG +\$56,500 LF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides for the Municipal and Traffic Court of New Orleans

Purpose of the Bill: Provides the qualifications and salaries for municipal and traffic court judges; abolishes one judgeship effective in 2021; provides for appointment and compensation of ad hoc judge; provides for appointment of court reporter; provides for police officers to keep order and execute decrees of the judges; and addresses court costs.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total. Similar structure for REVENUES.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This measure may increase local government expenditures by \$56,500 per year.

According to a representative of the New Orleans Municipal Court, two division judges will receive salary and benefits increases totaling \$56,500 annually, beginning in January 2017, to bring them to the same salary as a district court judge in and for the parish of Orleans.

In January 2021, one judgeship will be abolished which will decrease expenditures by \$431,195 annually (\$367,536 local funding and \$63,659 state funding). The 1/2 year calculations for 2021 that are shown above are: State Funds \$63,659/2 = \$31,829 and Local Funds \$367,536/2 = \$183,768 - \$56,500 (annual increase) = \$127,268.

If R.S. 24:2500.1 is repealed, we assume that any decrease in expenditures for the probation department will be in the same amount as the loss of revenue from the probation fee that is being repealed.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This measure may decrease local government revenue.

According to a representative of the New Orleans Municipal Court and based on 2015 collections, the changes to R.S. 13:2500.2 will result in a \$150,000 annual decrease in traffic court collections and an indeterminable increase in municipal court costs due to the assessment of additional costs for every offense.

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- 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(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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