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Fiscal Note

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Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Witness Fee Fund

WITNESSES/FEEES OR INCREASE LF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides for the disposition of witness fees from the City Court of Crowley

Purpose of Bill: This measure provides that the City of Crowley may adopt an ordinance for the transfer of surplus monies from the city's Witness Fee Fund to the General Fund. The city can only transfer amounts from the Witness Fee Fund that are in excess of \$30,000, and the monies shall only be used to purchase equipment for the Crowley Police Department.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 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, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The impact of this bill on local governmental expenditures is indeterminable at this time. However, the use of surplus witness fee funds may increase the Local Fund expenditures for the City of Crowley.

This bill allows the City of Crowley to use surplus witness fee funds to purchase equipment for the city's police department. Because the city will be allowed to spend these funds for additional uses, there is increased likelihood that these surplus funds will be used. If these funds are used, the city may experience an increase in expenditures as police department equipment is purchased. According to an official with the city, the Witness Fee Fund had a balance of approximately \$105,000 on March 16, 2011. In addition, the balance of this fund increased by approximately \$13,000 in 2008, \$34,000 in 2009, and \$33,000 in 2010.

City of Crowley and Crowley Police Department: Officials with the city and the police department indicated that the bill's impact on city and police department expenditures is not known at this time. However, the official with the city did indicate that the use of these funds may increase city expenditures.

Crowley City Court: An official with the Crowley City Court indicated that this measure will not increase the court's expenditures.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This measure allows the City of Crowley to transfer surplus witness fee funds to its General Fund in order to purchase police equipment. Therefore, there is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

City of Crowley and Crowley Police Department: Based on responses from officials with the city and the police department, it appears that this bill will not impact the revenues of the city or the police department.

Crowley City Court: An official with the Crowley City Court indicated that this measure will not impact the court's revenues.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
[] 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost
[] 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change

House
[] 6.8(F) >= \$100,000 Annual SGF Cost
[] 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease

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