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Fiscal Note On: **HB 101** HLS 12RS 668

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: 21st Judicial District Court	Analyst: Mitch Chauvin
Subject: Authorizes an increase in court costs for the 21st JDC	

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Authorizes an increase in fees or court costs for the 21st Judicial District Court

Purpose of Bill: This measure authorizes the 21st Judicial District Court (JDC) to increase the court costs from an amount not to exceed \$10 to an amount not to exceed \$20. The fee may be imposed on any civil suit and all criminal cases that the defendant who is convicted after trial, pleads guilty or nolo contendere, or who forfeits his bond in the 21st JDC.

As required by state law, the 21st JDC has submitted a proposal to the Judicial Review Council to review their proposed increases in court costs. The Judicial Review Council is required to notify the results of their review to the legislature by March 15, 2012.

EXPENDITURES	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	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	\$200,000	\$238,000	\$238,000	\$238,000	\$238,000	\$1,152,000
Annual Total	\$200,000	\$238,000	\$238,000	\$238,000	\$238,000	\$1,152,000

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

An official with the 21st JDC indicated that this bill would not directly impact the JDC's expenditures.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This measure may increase local governmental revenues for the 21st JDC by approximately \$238,000 annually.

An official with the 21st JDC stated that average collections for the past five years were approximately \$238,000 annually. If this measure is enacted, court costs are anticipated to increase from \$10 to \$20 or 100%, therefore collections are anticipated to increase by 100%.

The 2012-13 fiscal year's increase in revenue is lower than the subsequent years shown as it has been prorated; collections are not anticipated to begin until August 2012.

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<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}		Joy Irwin Director of Advisory Services