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Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 240** HLS 23RS 543

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: East Baton Rouge and Jefferson Parish Justices of the Peace		Analyst: Sarah Futch
Subject: Civil Filing and Service Fees		

FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS OR INCREASE LF RV See Note Page 1 of 1
Increases certain fees for the justice of the peace courts in East Baton Rouge Parish and Jefferson Parish

Purpose of Bill: This bill increases the amount of five existing fees that justices of the peace (JPs) in East Baton Rouge and Jefferson Parish may charge for filings and services in civil matters by \$10. The fees collected must be retained by the JP in a separate account for compensation and operating expenses of the clerk.

EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The bill may increase local fund revenue for some JPs in East Baton Rouge and Jefferson Parish, but the exact impact, if any, on each JP is indeterminable as it depends on the number of cases to which the increased fees are applied.

We obtained information from 7 out of the 14 JPs in East Baton Rouge and Jefferson Parish. Out of these 7 JPs, 4 anticipate an annual increase in revenue from the proposed fee increases:

- Jefferson Parish 5th Justice Court: \$37,920
- Jefferson Parish 6th Justice Court: \$18,000
- East Baton Rouge Parish Ward 3 District 3: \$20,000
- East Baton Rouge Parish Ward 3 District 1: \$12,000

The other 3 JPs (Jefferson Parish 3rd Justice Court, Jefferson Parish 4th Justice Court, East Baton Rouge Ward 2 District 1) indicated that they do not currently collect the fees provided by R.S. 13:2590.1 and do not plan to in the future.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 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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