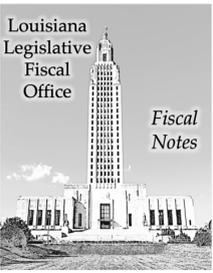


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Provides relative to court proceedings to be conducted via remote technology

Present law provides that a civil court hearing on any motion or exception may be conducted by any audio-visual means at the discretion of the court and that if witness testimony is necessary, a party may request that the hearing be conducted in person. Present law also provides that a civil judge trial may be conducted by any audio-visual means with the consent of all parties and permission of the court. Proposed law repeals present law and establishes a new article in the Code of Civil Procedure governing civil court proceedings conducted via remote technology. Proposed law provides that any party in a proceeding may appear remotely upon giving notice to the court and all other parties. Proposed law provides that the court may conduct proceedings through the use of technology. However, proposed law provides that a court may require a party or witness to appear in person at its discretion for certain reasons, including lack of suitable technology. Proposed law provides that a court shall not require a party to appear remotely and that the court reporter and any requested interpreters shall be present in the courtroom.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	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	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Present law currently allows courts to conduct civil proceedings remotely at their own discretion. Proposed law gives parties in court proceedings the right to appear remotely upon giving notice; however, the court may require the party to appear in person if the court does not have the requisite technology or the audio is not of suitable quality for a remote appearance. In addition, the court may require an in-person appearance under proposed law if the court determines that an in-person appearance would materially assist in the determination of the conference, hearing, or proceeding or in the effective management or resolution of the particular case.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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}

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 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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