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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 916** HLS 26RS 1232

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Additional Filing Fee for Recordation of Documents		<b>Analyst:</b> Daniel Druilhet
<b>Subject:</b> Clerks of Court, Treasurer		

CLERKS OF COURT

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Provides for an additional filing fee for recordation of documents with the clerk of court

Current law provides for the Louisiana Clerks' Remote Access Authority (LCRAA); provides for infrastructure, governance, standard operating procedures, technology, and training to support a statewide portal for secure remote access by internet users to certain records maintained by LCRAA members, to provide assistance to LCRAA members in procuring, implementing, enhancing, and maintaining equipment, supplies, and services related to technology to facilitate electronic transactions and communications, and disseminate information to the public, to facilitate the operations of any member during an declared emergency, and to provide for documentation preservation. Proposed law implements an additional fee of \$5 to be paid for documents recorded with the clerk of court's office, with the LCRAA is to remit the funds to the Court Modernization and Technology Fund to be dedicated to creating a statewide court electronic filing system; authorizes the Supreme Court and courts of appeal to enter into cooperative agreements to develop a system that integrates all appellate courts and the statewide LCRAA filing platform; provides that implementation of the additional \$5 fee becomes effective 1/01/27; provides that the LCRAA shall provide a report to the legislature no later than the start of the 2028 RS detailing total dollars collected and progress made on delivery of an integrated single filing platform; expires 8/01/29 unless extended by legislative act.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>				<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>				<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will result in an indeterminable, but significant, increase in Statutory Dedication expenditures out of the Court Modernization and Technology Fund for the Louisiana Supreme Court and courts of appeal to deliver a single filing platform for appellate courts. Proposed law requires the Supreme Court and courts of appeal to enter into agreements concerning the delivery of a single filing platform for appellate courts with the goal of full integration between all appellate courts and the statewide LCRAA filing platform. The exact cost to create a unified system for all appellate courts is unknown at this time. The LFO assumes the newly deposited funds from the proposed law (see revenue section) will be used to fund the single filing platform for appellate courts. When a sufficient amount of revenue has been collected, pursuant to proposed law, the LFO assumes an appropriation will be made out of the fund to implement the unified system. The timing of implementation is speculative, may occur across multiple fiscal years, and may occur outside of the five-year window.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will result in an indeterminable, yet significant, increase in revenues deposited into the Court Modernization and Technology Fund for the additional \$5 recording fee collected by clerks of court for all documents recorded effective 1/01/27. The proposed law would impact recording fees for all sales, donations, mortgages (liens and cancellations), marriage licenses, and all other recorded notarial acts in each Clerk of Court. The exact fiscal impact is indeterminable, because it is unknown the amount in recording fees that will be collected or the number of documents that will be recorded annually in each Clerk of Court with the enactment of the proposed law.

*The LFO is working with individual clerks of court to obtain estimates regarding the average number of documents that are recorded on an annual basis to generate information on the average amount in additional recording fees that may be collected with the increase contemplated in the proposed law. This information will be updated as it becomes available.*

For informational purposes, at the beginning of FY 26, the balance in the statutorily dedicated Court Modernization and Technology Fund was \$5,535.

Senate  
 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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