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Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 559** HLS 26RS 1169
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Court Costs	

COURTS/COURT COSTS EG +\$313,179 LF RV See Note Page 1 of 1
 Increases court costs for the Fourth Judicial District

Purpose of Bill: This bill increases maximum court costs that can be collected for the Fourth Judicial District Court (Morehouse and Ouachita Parishes) from \$15 to \$35 for both civil filings and criminal cases.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	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	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	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	\$313,179	\$313,179	\$313,179	\$313,179	\$313,179	\$1,565,895
Annual Total	\$313,179	\$313,179	\$313,179	\$313,179	\$313,179	\$1,565,895

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase local fund revenues for the Fourth Judicial District Court by up to \$313,179 annually.

Based on information from the Fourth Judicial District Court and Louisiana Supreme Court, the court costs addressed by the bill, which are currently capped at \$15, generated an average of \$234,884 annually (\$56,082 civil and \$178,802 criminal) from 2023 to 2025 from an estimated 15,659 payors.

Assuming collections increase in proportion to the new \$35 cap, the total revenue generated by these court costs is projected to be \$548,063 annually (\$130,858 civil and \$417,205 criminal), resulting in an annual net revenue increase of \$313,179 (\$74,776 civil and \$238,403 criminal) for the Fourth Judicial District Court.

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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