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## DIGEST

Morrell (SB 350)

Present law provides that except as provided in present law, neither the state, nor any parish, municipality, nor other political subdivision, public board, or commission, nor any officer or employee of any such governmental entity when acting within the scope and authority of such employment or when discharging his official duties shall be required to pay court costs in any judicial proceeding instituted or prosecuted by or against the state, or any such parish, municipality, or other political subdivision, board, or commission, in any court of this state or any municipality of this state, including particularly but not exclusively those courts in the parish of Orleans and the city of New Orleans.

Present law provides that present law shall also apply to employees or agents of the state if they are named as defendants in a suit arising out of the course and scope of their employment or agency. Costs which are temporarily deferred pursuant to present law cannot be shifted to opposing parties during the pendency of such deferment.

Proposed law retains present law and also exempts the state, its subdivisions, public boards or commissions from paying recordation costs in courts in the parish of Orleans and the city of New Orleans.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 13:4521(A)(1))