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Fiscal Note On: **HB 298** HLS 14RS 811

Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> St. Bernard Parish Courts	
<b>Subject:</b> Court Costs	<b>Analyst:</b> Anthony Truong

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Provides for court costs in St. Bernard Parish

**Purpose of Bill:** This bill requires all courts in St. Bernard Parish to impose a \$5 to \$10 court cost in all all criminal cases, including traffic violations, in which the defendant is convicted or pleas guilty. Proceeds from the fee are to be used to defray the operational costs of the Coroner’s office.

As required by state law, the new court cost provided by this bill was reviewed by the Judicial Council, which provided its recommendation to the legislature.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	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	\$8,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,000
Annual Total	\$8,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,000

REVENUES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	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	\$66,500	\$66,500	\$66,500	\$66,500	\$66,500	\$332,500
Annual Total	\$66,500	\$66,500	\$66,500	\$66,500	\$66,500	\$332,500

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**  
**This bill may increase local governmental expenditures by \$8,000 annually in fiscal year 2014-15.**

An official with the St. Bernard Parish Sheriff’s Office indicated that the Sheriff may incur \$8,000 in additional expenditures to update its system in order to collect this court cost.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**  
**This bill may increase local governmental revenues by \$66,500 annually.**

An official with the Louisiana Supreme Court indicated that the 34th Judicial District Court (34th JDC) was the only court in St. Bernard Parish. This official also indicated that the 34th JDC had submitted information to the Supreme Court which stated that the 34th JDC had 6,647 criminal convictions in 2013. Based on this information, we estimate that this new court cost may generate approximately \$66,500 annually if the 34th JDC imposed \$10 (maximum allowable court court in this bill) on each of these convictions.