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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 241** HLS 15RS 557

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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| Subject: Distribution and Sale of Public Documents | |

PUBLIC PRINTING

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Provides relative to the distribution and sale of certain public documents

Proposed law repeals R.S. 24:173 providing that the Secretary of State print and distribute Acts and journals of the legislature to various governmental entities free of charge. R.S. 24:173 further states that the Secretary of State distribute copies of Acts to foreign governments and institutions of learning. Proposed law repeals requirement that 10 copies of the Acts, 5 copies of the journals, and 5 copies of any constitutional convention be delivered to the LSU Law Library for free.

Proposed law repeals requirement that the Secretary of State print and distribute reports, studies, and recommended publications of the LA State Law Institute in the same manner as the Acts of the legislature. Proposed law instead provides that reports, studies, and recommended publications are made public and available by law.

Proposed law repeals current law excluding state agencies and state officials from paying fees to receive copies of the Acts. Proposed law repeals requirement that the Secretary of State remit revenues from sales of copies of the Acts and journals of the legislature to the Supreme Court for the purchase of law books for the Law Library of LA in New Orleans.

| EXPENDITURES | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
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| State Gen. Fd. | DECREASE | DECREASE | DECREASE | DECREASE | DECREASE | |
| 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 | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | \$0 |
| Annual Total | | | | | | |
| REVENUES | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
| State Gen. Fd. | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Agy. Self-Gen. | INCREASE | INCREASE | INCREASE | INCREASE | INCREASE | |
| Ded./Other | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Local Funds | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | \$0 |
| Annual Total | | | | | | |

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation will result in a reduction in state general fund expenditures by an indeterminable amount. The Secretary of State will no longer incur costs as a result of printing Acts and journals of the legislature for various governmental entities and foreign governments. The department currently prints and distributes the Acts and journals of the legislature free of charge.

The proposed legislation no longer requires the Secretary of State to print and distribute the reports, studies, and recommended publications of the LA State Law Institute in the same manner as the Acts and journals of the legislature. The department currently provides this service free of charge. However, the proposed legislation requires the Secretary of State make them public and available by law.

Over the past four FYs, the Secretary of State has spent an annual average of \$68,443 for the above services.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation will increase self generated revenues for the Secretary of State. This bill no longer exempts state agencies and officials from paying a fee totaling 110% of the cost to print and deliver a copy of the Acts of the legislature. Furthermore, this bill no longer requires that the Secretary of State to remit any revenues derived from the aforementioned fee to the Supreme Court of LA for the purchase of law books for the LA Law Library in New Orleans. To the extent persons entitled to free copies of the Acts and journals of the legislature purchase them pursuant to this bill, the Secretary of State will realize an increase in self generated revenue. The exact increase in revenues is indeterminable since it is unknown how many agencies or officials will purchase the Acts and journals.

In FY 14, the Secretary of State collected and remitted \$2,545 to the Supreme Court of Louisiana for the purpose of purchasing textbooks for the LA Law Library.

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| <u>Senate</u> | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 Rev. Red. to State {H & S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

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