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Fiscal Note

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Opp. Chamb. Action:
Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Court Technology Fee

COURTS/CITY RE +\$484,000 LF RV See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides for the collection of additional court costs in Baton Rouge City Court to fund technology enhancements

Purpose of Bill: Allows the Clerk of Baton Rouge City Court in civil matters and Judges in all criminal cases to impose an additional fee not to exceed \$10. These fees shall be deposited into a separate account known as the "Court Technology Fund" and expended solely to acquire and maintain a new and existing electronic case management system.

As required by state law, the City Court of Baton Rouge submitted a proposal to the Judicial Review Council to review their proposed fee increase. The Judicial Review Council has reviewed their proposal and found that the proposed costs appear to meet the applicable guidelines.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES/REVENUES, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total for both categories.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There may be an increase in local expenditures by the Baton Rouge City Court as collected fees are used to defray cost to obtain and maintain the system.

An official with the Baton Rouge City Court indicated the funds would be used for annual system maintenance costs and annual software licensing fees.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This measure may increase local fund revenues by approximately \$484,000 per year.

Based on information provided by the Baton Rouge City Court there is an average of 14,725 civil cases filed each year and an average of 33,650 convictions for criminal and traffic offenses each year. Therefore, if the full \$10 is assessed, the Court would collect approximately \$484,000 annually. An official with the Baton Rouge City Court indicated that the Court intends to only assess \$5, which would bring in approximately \$ 242,000 annually.

- Senate Dual Referral Rules House
[] 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
[X] 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}
[] 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 Rev. Red. to State {H & S}
[] 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}
[] 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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