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

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

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 amends 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. Proposed law requires that 3 copies of the Acts instead of 10, 2 copies of the journals instead of 5, and 2 copies of any constitutional convention instead of 5 be delivered to the LSU Law Library free of charge, as well as 1 copy each of the Acts and Journals to the State Library of LA and 1 copy of the Acts to the Law Library of LA and the Huey P. Long Memorial Library. 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 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
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>	<u>\$0</u>
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.	SEE BELOW					
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>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation may result in a marginal reduction in state general fund expenditures. The Secretary of State may realize reduced costs as a result of printing fewer 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 for all state agencies, officials, as well as some law libraries statewide. This bill also repeals the exemption of state officials from paying fees for Acts of the legislature.

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 the Acts and journals public and available electronically.

Over the past four fiscal years, the Secretary of State has spent an annual average of \$66,487 to print the Acts of the legislature. Estimated printing costs for a minimum printing of 250 copies of the Acts total approximately \$59,000. Based upon this figure, the Secretary of State will realize approximately \$7,000 in savings annually.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation will have an indeterminable net effect on revenues for the Secretary of State and the LA Supreme Court.

The proposed legislation will increase revenues for the Secretary This bill no longer exempts 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 repeals the requirement that the Secretary of State remit any revenues derived from the aforementioned fee to the LA Supreme Court 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 officials will purchase the Acts and journals.

The LA Supreme Court will realize reduced revenues as a result of the proposed legislation. 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. The Supreme Court will no longer receive these revenues.

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| <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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