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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: HB 627 HLS 16RS 1152

Bill Text Version: ENROLLED

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

Table with 2 rows and 3 columns: Date (May 26, 2016), Author (JACKSON), Dept./Agy. (Mayor's Court), Subject (Increase in court costs), Analyst (Robbie Robinson)

COURTS/COURT COSTS EN INCREASE LF RV See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides for an increase in court costs in municipal violations.

Purpose of Bill: This measure authorizes mayors to impose additional court costs not to exceed \$20 for each offense, as defined by ordinance or traffic violation, on any defendant convicted of a violation of municipal ordinance. Ten dollars of the additional court costs collected shall be remitted to the local public defenders' offices. This measure also extends provisions regarding court costs in four municipalities from August 1, 2016 to August 1, 2020.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total. Similar structure for REVENUES.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION
This bill may increase local fund expenditures by an indeterminable amount.
Court costs are collected and distributed to various governmental entities as prescribed by law. This measure provides that \$10 dollars of the authorized additional court costs imposed in a mayor's court will be remitted to the local public defender's office. The measure also extends effectiveness of RS 33:447.11 regarding collection of court costs for mayors' courts in certain municipalities, from August 1, 2016 to August 1, 2020 (fifty percent of the additional court costs collected is currently remitted to the Fourteenth Judicial District's Indigent Defender Fund).

REVENUE EXPLANATION
This bill may increase local fund revenues by an indeterminable amount.
This measure authorizes mayors' courts to impose and collect additional court costs not to exceed \$20 for each offense on any defendant convicted of a violation of a municipal ordinance. Ten dollars of the additional court costs collected is to be remitted to the local public defenders' offices. Mayors' courts in four municipalities are also authorized to collect additional court costs of \$20 through August 1, 2016, of which fifty percent is to be remitted to the Fourteenth Judicial District's Indigent Defender Fund. Imposition of these court costs will now extend to August 1, 2020. Statewide municipal violation data is not available from the various mayors' courts that would allow projection of the potential revenue generated by this measure. However, information presented below may give some indication of the potential revenue impact:

A representative of the Louisiana Public Defender Board estimates that if all 100 mayors' courts active in the surveyed local public defender districts in the state elect to impose the additional court costs, then 116,000 cases will generate approximately \$1.1 million from the \$10 court costs that is to be remitted to the local public defenders' offices.