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Fiscal Note

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Provides for an increase in commissioner fees in the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court

Purpose of Bill: This measure authorizes judges of the 24th Judicial District Court (JDC) to increase court costs for all persons convicted of a felony or misdemeanor offense from an amount not to exceed \$125 to an amount not to exceed \$175. The increase in fees would not apply to convictions for traffic violations under Title 32 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 or under the ordinances adopted by the governing authority of Jefferson Parish.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

Table with 7 columns: REVENUES, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The net impact of the bill on local government revenues will be neutral due to witness fees being reduced by \$50 as the court costs in the bill are increased by \$50.

An official with the 24th JDC estimated that the average collection for the past five years was \$239,405 annually from 1,915 cases annually. If this measure is enacted, court costs (as provided in the bill) are anticipated to increase from \$125 to \$175 (\$50 increase) for a total increase of approximately \$96,000 annually (\$50 x 1,915 cases). However, officials with the court informed us that witness fees were reduced by \$50; therefore, the net impact will be revenue neutral.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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