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Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 559** HLS 26RS 1169  
 Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Fourth Judicial District Court		
<b>Subject:</b> Court Costs		<b>Analyst:</b> Elle Craft

COURTS/COURT COSTS EN +\$313,179 LF RV See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Increases court costs for the Fourth Judicial District

**Purpose of Bill:** This bill increases maximum court costs that can be collected for the Fourth Judicial District Court (Morehouse and Ouachita Parishes) from \$15 to \$35 for both civil filings and criminal cases.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

  

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<b>\$313,179</b>	<b>\$313,179</b>	<b>\$313,179</b>	<b>\$313,179</b>	<b>\$313,179</b>	<b>\$1,565,895</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$313,179</b>	<b>\$313,179</b>	<b>\$313,179</b>	<b>\$313,179</b>	<b>\$313,179</b>	<b>\$1,565,895</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

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

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

**This bill may increase local fund revenues for the Fourth Judicial District Court by up to \$313,179 annually.**

Based on information from the Fourth Judicial District Court and Louisiana Supreme Court, the court costs addressed by the bill, which are currently capped at \$15, generated an average of \$234,884 annually (\$56,082 civil and \$178,802 criminal) from 2023 to 2025 from an estimated 15,659 payors.

Assuming collections increase in proportion to the new \$35 cap, the total revenue generated by these court costs is projected to be \$548,063 annually (\$130,858 civil and \$417,205 criminal), resulting in an annual net revenue increase of \$313,179 (\$74,776 civil and \$238,403 criminal) for the Fourth Judicial District Court.

Senate  
 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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