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Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 38** HLS 11RS 386
 Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
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Subject: Court Cost	

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 Provides for an additional court cost in the City Court of Bogalusa

Purpose of Bill: This measure allows the City Court of Bogalusa to assess a court cost not to exceed \$25 for each defendant that has been convicted or has pled guilty to a traffic violation or misdemeanor. The sums will be remitted monthly by the clerk of court to the City Prosecutor to be used in defraying office expenses.

As required by state law, these additional court costs were reviewed by the Judicial Council, which provided its recommendation for approval to the legislature.

EXPENDITURES	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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>\$32,000</u>	<u>\$32,000</u>	<u>\$32,000</u>	<u>\$32,000</u>	<u>\$32,000</u>	\$160,000
Annual Total	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$160,000

REVENUES	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

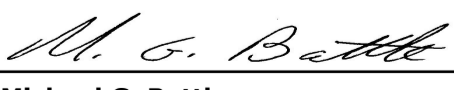
Local Fund expenditures may increase by \$32,000 annually as a result of this measure.

The City Prosecutor is planning to use the money generated by this bill to create a document management system to track misdemeanor and traffic offenses. He also plans to develop a criminal history database and a computerized court calendaring system.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This measure may increase local fund revenues of the Bogalusa City Prosecutor's Office by approximately \$32,000 annually.

According to an official with the Bogalusa City Prosecutor's Office, no less than 1,500 traffic and misdemeanor charges are filed annually in Bogalusa City Court. Although a percentage of these cases do not result in a conviction (some are dismissed, amended, or found not guilty), the official indicated that this measure may increase revenues of the city prosecutor's office by approximately \$32,000 annually (1,280 convictions x \$25 court cost).

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