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Opp. Chamb. Action:
Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Orleans Parish Juvenile Court Analyst: Julie Magee
Subject: Increase in fees for the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court

COURTS/COURT COSTS OR INCREASE LF RV See Note Page 1 of 2
Provides for an increase in certain fees for the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court

Purpose of Bill: This measure requires the clerk of Orleans Parish Juvenile Court to collect the following fees in addition to all other fees provided by law.

- 1) \$60 for service of process in Orleans Parish and \$85 for service of process outside of Orleans Parish
2) \$110 for filing and docketing each supplemental and amended petition
3) An additional \$125 for filing and docketing each petition for adoption
4) An additional \$75 for filing and docketing each motion to terminate parental rights
5) An additional \$10 from any person filing any action, suit, motion or rule to show cause on the docket and who is not otherwise exempt from law

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 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, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This measure may increase governmental expenditures.

An official with the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court indicated that collecting filing fees is a service currently performed by the court. There may be an increase in expenditures at the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) as a result of this measure. DCSF pays the Termination of Parental Rights fees and Adoption fees with funds from the Foster Care Program. Federal funds used for the Foster Care Program require a state match. Therefore, federal expenditures and state expenditures may increase as a result of this measure.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This measure may increase local governmental revenues at the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court.

According to an official with the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court, this measure may increase the court revenue by approximately \$23,970 per year. This estimate is based on the number of filings recorded in fiscal year 2012.

The court estimates they will receive the following per year in future years.

- 142 service of process which would have a fee of \$8,520 (142 * \$60)
- 71 petitions for adoption, which would have a \$8,875 fee increase (71 * \$125)
- 71 Termination of Parental Rights filed, which would have a \$5325 increase (71 * \$75)
- 125 filings received by the court, which would have a \$1250 increase (125 * \$10)

It is unusual for the court to receive filings for service of process made outside of Orleans Parish and it is unusual for the court to receive filings for supplemental and amended petitions. Therefore, these fees were not included in the estimates. (Continued on page 2)

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Current and Proposed fees are listed below.

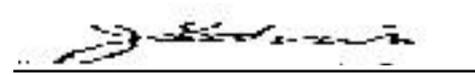
<u>Fee</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>
Service of Process	\$0	\$60 (In Orleans Parish)
	\$0	\$85 (Outside of Orleans Parish)
Petition for Adoption	\$305	\$430
Termination of Parental Rights	\$125	\$200
Additional Filing Fee	\$0	\$10
Supplemental/Amending Petition	\$0	\$110

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