



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **SB 253** SLS 14RS 462

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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FUNDS/FUNDING

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Provides for an increase in certain criminal court costs in the Thirty-First Judicial District Court. (8/1/14)

Proposed law provides an additional fee of not more than five dollars on every defendant who is convicted in district court in Jefferson Davis Parish which shall be used solely to defray the operation costs of the coroner's office.

Proposed law provides for an additional fee of not more than five dollars on every defendant who is convicted in the Thirty-First Judicial District Court which shall be used solely to defray the costs of the criminal court system of the parish.

Proposed law repeals court fee regarding the coroners operational costs that are provided in another statute.

Effective August 1, 2014.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	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>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation will result in an increase in local fund revenues as a result of increasing court costs. For all criminal cases and traffic violations in which a defendant is convicted or pleads guilty, fees of up to \$5 will be imposed for operational costs for the coroner and the court. According to the Jefferson Davis Parish District Attorney’s Office, on average there are 10,500 convictions and guilty pleas for traffic offenses (9,800) and criminal cases (700).

To the extent the number of convictions and guilty pleas remain constant, local funds for the coroner’s operational costs will increase by \$52,500 (\$5 x 700 criminal cases + \$5 x 9,800 traffic violations) and the local funds for the Criminal Court Fund will increase by \$52,500 (\$5 x 700 criminal cases + \$5 x 9,800 traffic offenses). The total increase in local revenue will be \$105,000 (\$52,500 Coroner Operational Fund + \$52,500 Criminal Court Fund).