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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 75** HLS 15RS 431

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: First Judicial District Court	
Subject: Increases court costs for court reporters	Analyst: David Greer

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Provides for changes in the amount collected by the clerk of court in the 1st Judicial District for the court reporters' fund

Purpose of Bill: The bill changes the maximum amount that shall be collected by the Clerk of Court from \$50 to \$75 for certain suits and proceedings. In addition, the bill removes certain exceptions to the maximum \$75 cost for succession proceedings and foreclosure proceedings by executory process, tutorships, emancipations, and mandamus suits to cancel mortgages. The bill also adjusts the requirements for the existing exemption related to money claims of less than \$1,000 and changes the maximum cost from \$35 to \$50. According to an official with the Louisiana Supreme Court, Judicial Administrator’s Office, these additional court costs were reviewed by the Judicial Council as required by state law (R.S. 13:62).

EXPENDITURES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	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	\$114,850	\$114,850	\$114,850	\$114,850	\$114,850	\$574,250
Annual Total	\$114,850	\$114,850	\$114,850	\$114,850	\$114,850	\$574,250

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase local revenues by \$114,850 annually.

According to the Caddo Parish Clerk of Court, 2014 statistics show 7,204 suits less 2,759 pauper suits = 4,445 applicable suits. If the maximum amount authorized is actually collected for all 4,445 cases, the additional revenue will be \$111,125 annually (4,445X\$25). In addition, according to a Caddo Parish Clerk of Court representative, there would be an additional increase of \$12.50 in small successions. 2014 statistics show 298 small successions which would generate an additional \$3,725 annually (\$12.50x298). The total annual increase based on these numbers will be \$111,125+\$3,725=\$114,850