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Fiscal Note**

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Subject: Repeal of Certain Reporting Requirements to Supreme Court

COURTS OR -\$218,000 RV See Note Page 1 of 1
 Repeals certain reporting requirements from the district courts to the judicial administrator of the supreme court

Current law requires that when a suit has been filed in district court for damages arising from an offense or a quasi-offense, the clerk of court is mandated to submit information as required to the office of the judicial administrator of the supreme court; requires a processing fee of \$5 for the clerk of court and \$5 for the office of the judicial administrator to be taxed as costs of court on each suit on which information required by the Supreme Court rule is submitted by the clerk of court, with court costs not to exceed \$10; mandates that information provided by the judicial administrator to the supreme court not be subject to subpoena for any purpose by any court or legislative body; mandates that no state official or employee, clerk of court, nor employee of a clerk of court, be subject to subpoena by a court or public or legislative body for the purpose of providing evidence of information provided or obtained pursuant to supreme court rules. Proposed law repeals current law in its entirety and becomes effective upon signature of the governor.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	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	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	(\$109,000)	(\$109,000)	(\$109,000)	(\$109,000)	(\$109,000)	(\$545,000)
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	(\$109,000)	(\$109,000)	(\$109,000)	(\$109,000)	(\$109,000)	(\$545,000)
Annual Total	(\$218,000)	(\$218,000)	(\$218,000)	(\$218,000)	(\$218,000)	(\$1,090,000)

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION


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

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will likely result in a decrease of \$218,000 in revenues to the clerks of court and the Judicial Administrator of the Louisiana Supreme Court. The Louisiana Supreme Court suspended the current law on July 1, 2023, and the suspension is slated to end June 30, 2024, resulting in no revenue (under La. R.S. 14:3688) generated by the clerks of court or the judicial administrator of the Louisiana Supreme Court through June 30, 2024. However, for informational purposes, prior to the rule suspension, the clerks of court and the Judicial Administrator of the Louisiana Supreme Court generated an average of \$218,000 in annual revenue from the current law, which requires a processing fee of \$5 for the clerk of court and \$5 for the office of the judicial administrator to be taxed as costs of court on each suit on which information required by the Supreme Court rule is submitted by the clerk of court. To the extent that the rule suspension continues or the rule is repealed in its entirety, there will be an elimination of this source of revenue.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 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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