# COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

### **FISCAL NOTE**

<u>L.R. No.</u>: 5225-01 <u>Bill No.</u>: SB 812

Subject: Courts; Civil Procedure; Judges; Saint Louis City

Type: Original

Date: February 5, 2016

Bill Summary: This proposal allows the circuit court in St. Louis City to collect a fee not

to exceed twenty dollars, rather than fifteen, to go toward the law library.

# **FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0	

☐ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

<b>Local Government</b>	\$0 to \$156,875	\$0 to \$156,875	\$0 to \$156,875	
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS				

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#### FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Office of the State Courts Administrator (OSCA)** assume the proposed legislation allows the circuit court in St. Louis City to collect a fee not to exceed twenty dollars, rather than fifteen, to go toward the law library. During the past three years, there was an average of 4,010 circuit civil case filings, 7,697 domestic relations civil case filings and 19,668 associate civil and small claims civil case filings, a total of 31,375. Based upon the increase in the collection fee not to exceed \$20.00, rather than \$15.00, to go toward the library, OSCA estimates the increase to be \$0 to \$156,875 (\$5 \* 31,375).

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government  ST. LOUIS CITY CIRCUIT COURT FUNDS	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019
Revenue - on filing fees to go towards law library	\$0 to \$156,875	\$0 to \$156,875	\$0 to \$156,875
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON ST. LOUIS CITY CIRCUIT COURT FUNDS	\$0 to \$156,875	\$0 to \$156,875	\$0 to \$156,875

## FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

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#### FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Currently, the circuit court in any circuit may collect a fee in civil cases not to exceed fifteen dollars which shall go towards the maintenance and upkeep of the law library in the designated county, except that in Jackson County and any circuit court in a circuit which reimburses the state for family court commissioners' salaries the fee collected may not to exceed twenty dollars. This act provides that the circuit court in St. Louis City may also collect a fee not to exceed twenty dollars.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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