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LB 919

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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2012-13		FY 2013-14	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	5,000		0	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				See Below
TOTAL FUNDS	5,000		0	

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

This bill would change court fees, sheriff's fees, and handgun certificate fees.

The Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems (PERB) states this bill will not impact their operations. PERB notes that the \$6 court fee used for Judges Retirement was due to sunset in 2014 and this bill makes it permanent. Based on actual fees collected for FY10-11, the difference in fees collected would be \$573,732 over what would be collected were the \$6 fee be allowed to sunset.

The Supreme Court estimates that the additional \$4 docket fee could generate \$500,000 per year. This additional fee revenue is deposited to the general fund of the county of the judicial district in which the civil case was filed. If more than one county is contained within a judicial district, the State Treasurer shall credit the fee to the general fund of each county in proportion to the number of acres of school lands within each county. The Supreme Court response follows:

LB 919 relates to several fees, including two related to the judicial branch. First, it removes the sunset clause reducing the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges fee from six to five dollars in 2014. As a result, there would be no fiscal impact since revenue would continue at the current level. Last, it increases the docket fee on all civil cases by four dollars. Using 125,000 civil cases per year as a base, estimated revenue to the counties would be approximately \$500,000 per fiscal year.

The State Treasurer states that this bill would require their office to create new programming to determine the amount of docket fees due to the different counties in proportion to the number of acres of school lands within each county. The Treasurer believes that some of this work could be done with existing staff, but that an outside programmer may need to be hired to complete the work. If an outside programmer is needed, the Treasurer estimates that this could cost \$5,000, and this expense would be a one-time cash fund expenditure.

This bill also increases fees that the sheriff collects. These fees are deposited into the general fund of the county. This could result in additional revenues to the counties due to the increase in these fees. This amount is not known at this time.

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COMMENTS					
NEBRASKA PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS: No basis to dispute agency analysis for NPERs.					
STATE TREASURER: No basis to dispute agency analysis for the State Treasurer.					