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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.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

REVIEWED BY	Joe Wilcox	DATE	1/11/12	PHONE	471-2526
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.					

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LB⁽¹⁾ 919 FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Public Employee Retirement Systems

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Randy Gerke Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/11/2012 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-9495

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2012-2013		FY 2013-2014	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Return by date specified or 72 hours prior to public hearing, whichever is earlier.

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 919 makes the \$6 court fee used for Judges Retirement permanent. This \$6 fee was due to sunset in 2014.

LB 919 has no fiscal impact on operations for our agency. It also does not have a fiscal impact to the funding of the Judges plan in the two years that estimates would be detailed for this fiscal note, however, LB 919 will have a positive impact on the Judges plan going forward from July 1, 2014. Based on actual fees collected for fiscal year 2010-2011, the difference in fees collected would be \$573,732 over what would be collected were the \$6 fee be allowed to sunset.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2012-2013 EXPENDITURES	2013-2014 EXPENDITURES
	12-13	13-14		
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ State Treasurer

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Jason Walters Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ January 19, 2012 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-2793

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2012-2013</u>		<u>FY 2013-2014</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	<u>5,000</u>	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>5,000</u>	_____	_____	_____

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Explanation of Estimate:

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MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
	<u>12-13</u>	<u>13-14</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	<u>5,000</u>	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Supreme Court

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Eric Asboe Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 2/6/12 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 1-4138

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2012-2013		FY 2013-2014	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____