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## DIGEST

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HB 916 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides for an additional filing fee for recordation of documents with the clerk of court.

Present law creates the La. Clerks' Remote Access Authority (LCRAA) to provide for infrastructure, governance, standard operating procedures, technology, and training to support a statewide portal for secure remote access to certain records maintained by its members.

Present law authorizes LCRAA to provide assistance to members in procuring, implementing, enhancing, and maintaining technology-related equipment, supplies, and services; facilitating electronic transactions and communications; disseminating information to the public; and supporting operations during declared emergencies.

Proposed law retains present law and authorizes the La. Supreme Court and the courts of appeal to enter into cooperative agreements to develop a system that integrates all appellate courts with a statewide LCRAA electronic filing platform.

Proposed law imposes an additional fee of \$5 for documents recorded in accordance with LCRAA. Requires LCRAA to remit the funds from the collected fee to the Court Modernization and Technology Fund for the purpose of developing the statewide electronic filing platform.

Proposed law requires LCRAA to provide a report to the legislature on the amount collected from the fee and the progress of the integrated filing platform. Further requires submission of the report no later than the start of R.S. 2028.

Proposed law provides that imposition of the \$5 fee becomes effective on Jan. 1, 2027 and expires on Aug. 1, 2029, unless extended by the legislature.

(Adds R.S. 13:754(F)(3))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Make technical corrections.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Provide that the additional fee paid for documents to be remitted by the LCRAA expires on Aug. 1, 2029, unless extended by the legislature.
2. Require the LCRAA to provide a report to the legislature no later than the start of R.S. 2028.