

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 104

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEOPOLD

COURTS/DISTRICT: Provides for an increase in certain fees and costs in the Twenty-Fifth Judicial District Court

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:996.66(A), relative to the judicial expense fund for the  
3 Twenty-Fifth Judicial District Court; to increase certain fees and costs in civil and  
4 criminal matters; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:996.66(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §996.66. Judicial Expense Fund for Twenty-Fifth Judicial District

8 A. In addition to all other fees or costs ~~now or hereafter~~ provided by law, the  
9 clerk of court of the Twenty-Fifth Judicial District shall collect from every person  
10 filing any type of civil suit or proceeding, and who is not otherwise exempted by law  
11 from the payment of court costs, a sum to be determined by the judges of the district,  
12 sitting en banc, which sum shall not exceed ~~fifteen~~ thirty-five dollars, subject to the  
13 provisions of Code of Civil Procedure Article 5181 et seq. In all criminal cases over  
14 which the Twenty-Fifth Judicial District Court has jurisdiction, there shall be taxed  
15 as costs against every defendant who is convicted after trial or after plea of guilty,  
16 or who forfeits his bond, a sum likewise determined but which shall not exceed  
17 ~~fifteen~~ thirty-five dollars, which shall be in addition to all other fines, costs, or  
18 forfeitures lawfully imposed.

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1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
 3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
 4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
 5 effective on the day following such approval.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Increases the fees and costs in civil and criminal cases from a maximum of \$15 to a maximum of \$35 for the 25<sup>th</sup> JDC.

Present law requires the clerk of court of the 25<sup>th</sup> JDC to collect from every person filing any type of civil suit or proceeding, who is not otherwise exempted by law from the payment of court costs, a sum not to exceed \$15.

Proposed law retains present law but increases the sum from a maximum of \$15 to a maximum of \$35.

Present law requires in all criminal cases in the 25<sup>th</sup> JDC that every defendant, who is convicted after trial or after a guilty plea or who forfeits his bond, be assessed costs not to exceed \$15 which shall be in addition to all other fines, costs, or forfeitures lawfully imposed.

Proposed law retains present law but increases the costs from a maximum of \$15 to a maximum of \$35.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 13:996.66(A))