
DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes the Ascension Parish Courthouse Fund for the construction of a new courthouse for the 23rd JDC in Ascension Parish and the Ascension Parish Court, and provides for filing charges in civil matters.

Proposed law establishes the Ascension Parish Courthouse Fund for the construction of a new courthouse for the 23rd JDC in Ascension Parish and the Ascension Parish Court.

Proposed law provides for the following charges to be imposed and collected in all cases over which the 23rd JDC for the parish of Ascension and the Ascension Parish Court have jurisdiction:

- (1) \$120 per initial filing of a civil suit.
- (2) \$20 per filing of each additional pleading.

Proposed law provides that these charges shall be in addition to other civil filing fees levied and collected by the Ascension Parish Clerk of Court. Proposed law further provides that such charges shall be imposed by the judges of the 23rd JDC acting en banc and the Ascension Parish Court judge.

Proposed law provides that monies generated by proposed law shall be held by the Ascension Parish Clerk of Court, remitted at least monthly to the Dept. of Finance for the parish, and irrevocably deposited into the Ascension Parish Courthouse Fund. Proposed law further provides for the purpose and use of the fund.

Proposed law provides for the ownership and control of the Ascension Parish Courthouse Fund and provides for the obligations of the Ascension Parish Council.

Proposed law provides procedures regarding the use of surplus funds and authorizes the reduction of the filing charges. Proposed law further authorizes the use of cooperative endeavor agreements in conjunction with the design, construction, renovation, equipping, operation, and maintenance of the new Ascension Parish courthouse.

Proposed law provides that the state, any political subdivision, the 23rd JDC, the Ascension Parish Court, the Ascension Parish Clerk of Court, the Ascension Parish Council, and Louisiana Legislature shall not impair the rights and remedies of the holder or the security for the bonds or other indebtedness until they are fully paid and discharged.

(Adds R.S. 13:996.69)