

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; to provide for a contingent effective date; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

8 §996.66. Judicial Expense Fund for Twenty-Fifth Judicial District

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

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1 Section 2. In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 13:62, the increase in court costs
2 or fees as provided for in this Act shall become effective if and when the Judicial Council
3 provides a recommendation that such court costs or fees meet the applicable guidelines in
4 its 2018 Report to the Louisiana Legislature.

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 25th JDC.

Present law requires the clerk of court of the 25th 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 25th 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.

Proposed law provides for the increase in costs to become effective if and when the Judicial Council reviews such request and makes a recommendation to the legislature in its 2018 report that the fees meet the applicable guidelines.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Remove the emergency effective date, and provide that the increase in court costs will become effective if and when the Judicial Council reviews the request and makes its recommendation to the legislature in its 2018 report.
2. Add technical amendments.