

ACT No. 447

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 83

BY REPRESENTATIVE COUSSAN

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:996.25(A) and to enact R.S. 13:961(F)(1)(v), relative to court costs in the Fifteenth Judicial Court; to require the judges to determine certain fees to be paid to court reporters; to provide for an increase in civil court costs; to provide for an increase in criminal court costs; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 13:996.25(A) is hereby amended and reenacted and 13:961(F)(1)(v) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§961. Court reporters; generally

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F.(1)(a)

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(v) In the Fifteenth Judicial District, in all cases, except those to be filed in forma pauperis, a fee determined by a majority of the judges for each page and each copied page of all testimony reported and transcribed shall be charged by and paid to the court reporter.

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§996.25. Judicial Expense Fund for Fifteenth Judicial District; established

A. In addition to all other fees or costs now or hereafter provided by law, the clerk of court of the Fifteenth Judicial District shall collect from every person filing any type of civil suit or proceeding and who is not otherwise exempted by law from the payment of court costs, a sum to be determined by the judges of ~~said~~ the district, sitting en banc, which sum shall not exceed ~~fifteen~~ thirty-five dollars, subject,

1 however, to the provisions of Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure, Article 5181, et
 2 seq. In all criminal cases over which the Fifteenth Judicial District Court has
 3 jurisdiction, there shall be taxed as costs against every defendant who is convicted
 4 after trial or after plea of guilty or who forfeits his bond, a sum likewise determined,
 5 but which shall not exceed ~~five~~ twenty dollars and which shall be in addition to all
 6 other fines, costs, or forfeitures lawfully imposed and which shall be transmitted to
 7 the ~~said~~ clerk for further disposition in accordance ~~herewith~~ with the provisions of
 8 this Section.

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10 Section 2. In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 13:62, the increase in court
 11 costs or fees as provided for in R.S. 13:961(F)(1)(v) in this Act shall become effective if and
 12 when the Judicial Council provides a recommendation that such court costs or fees meet the
 13 applicable guidelines in its report to the Louisiana Legislature. No fees shall be imposed or
 14 collected without Judicial Council approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____