

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 95

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Provides for an increase in commissioner fees in the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:718(I)(1), relative to commissioner fees in the Twenty-Fourth
3 Judicial District Court; to authorize an increase in fees for all persons convicted of
4 a felony or misdemeanor offence in the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court; and
5 to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:718(I)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §718. Commissioners; qualifications; salary and benefits; restrictions on
9 employment; office space; supplies; equipment; employees

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11 I. The sources of funding for the commissioners and their offices and
12 employees shall include, but shall not be limited to the following sources:

13 (1) Subject to the other provisions of this Paragraph, there is hereby imposed
14 an additional fee on all persons convicted in the Twenty-fourth Judicial District
15 Court of felony or misdemeanor offenses. The amount of the additional fee shall be
16 set by the judges of the Twenty-fourth Judicial District Court sitting en banc. The
17 amount of the additional fee shall not exceed one hundred ~~twenty-five~~ seventy-five
18 dollars. The total amount of the financial penalty to which misdemeanor offenders
19 shall be subject, including the fee imposed by this Paragraph, shall not exceed one
20 thousand dollars. The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to convictions for

1 traffic violations under the provisions of Title 32 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes
2 of 1950, or under the ordinances adopted by the governing authority of Jefferson
3 Parish.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes an increase in fees from \$125 to \$175 to be set by the judges in the 24th JDC on all persons convicted of misdemeanor and felony offenses.

Present law provides for an additional fee not to exceed \$125 on all persons convicted in the 24th JDC of felony or misdemeanor offenses to be set by the judges sitting en banc.

Present law prohibits the assessment of additional fees on convictions for traffic violations or ordinances adopted by the Jefferson Parish governing authority.

Proposed law retains present law and changes the fee authorized for collection from \$125 to \$175.

Present law prohibits the total amount of the financial penalty for misdemeanor offenders, including the fee imposed under present law, from exceeding \$1,000.

Proposed law retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 13:718(I)(1))