
DIGEST

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HB 116 Engrossed

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Abstract: Allows the city marshal and constables of the city of Natchitoches to collect fees and costs under the general fee schedule provided in present law (R.S. 13:5807).

Present law (R.S. 13:5807) creates a general fee schedule for all city marshals and constables except for those serving in Orleans Parish and the cities of Natchitoches, Minden, Springhill, Franklin, Winnfield, Slidell, Bogalusa, Ruston, and Houma for services provided by constables and marshals.

Present law (R.S. 13:5807) provides that 60 percent of any funds collected in excess of the minimum fees set forth in present law shall be deposited in the equipment and training fund and provides that such funds be used for specified purposes.

Proposed law retains present law with regard to the excess funds collected as well as the fee schedule for all city marshals and constables but eliminates the marshal of the city of Natchitoches exception (R.S. 13:5807.1), allowing Natchitoches to be included in the general fee schedule.

Present law (R.S. 13:5807.1) provides for a list of enumerated fees in civil matters to be collected by the marshal for the cities of Natchitoches, Minden, Springhill, Franklin, and Winnfield.

Present law (R.S. 13:5807.1) allows the city marshal of Natchitoches to charge not less than \$10 but not more than \$20 for each service rendered in civil matters.

Proposed law removes Natchitoches from the list of cities authorized to collect fees as provided in present law (R.S. 13:5807.1).

By removing Natchitoches from present law (R.S. 13:5807.1) and adding the city to present law (R.S. 13:5807), the maximum amount a marshal or a constable can charge for each service rendered in civil matters changes from \$20 to \$30.

Proposed law provides that proposed law shall not become effective until the judicial council approves the costs or fees and that no fees shall be collected without judicial council approval.

(Amends R.S. 13:5807(A)(15) and 5807.1(A)(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 13:5807(C); Repeals R.S. 13:5807.1(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Add a stipulation that proposed law shall not be effective until the judicial council approves and that no fee shall be collected until the judicial council approves the increase.