

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 257

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO

CRIMINAL/RECORDS: Provides relative to the form of payment for expungement of a record

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 983(A), relative to expungement  
3 of records; to provide relative to the costs of expungement of a record; to provide  
4 that the payment may be made by money orders or checks issued by a law firm or  
5 an attorney; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 983(A) is hereby amended and  
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 Art. 983. Costs of expungement of a record; fees; collection; exemptions;  
10 disbursements

11 A. Except as provided for in Articles 894 and 984, the total cost to obtain a  
12 court order expunging a record shall not exceed five hundred fifty dollars. Payment  
13 may be made by United States postal money orders or money orders issued by any  
14 state or national bank or by checks issued by a law firm or an attorney.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 257 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the payment of processing fees for an expungement to be made by money orders or law firm or attorney issued checks.

Present law provides for the expungement of certain arrest and conviction records under certain circumstances.

Present law provides that the total cost to obtain an expungement of a record shall not exceed \$550.

Proposed law authorizes payment to be made by U.S. postal money orders or money orders issued by any state or national bank or by checks issued by a law firm or an attorney.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 983(A))