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SB 145 Engrossed

2020 Regular Session

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Present law requires the clerk of court of the Twenty-sixth Judicial District Court for the Parish of Webster to, in addition to the filing fees authorized by law, collect from any person filing any type of suit or proceeding, intervention, or third party demand, the following amounts:

- (1) In each suit in which the demand is for \$5,000 or more, the fee shall be \$15.
- (2) In each suit for divorce, partition, injunction, separation of property, child custody, receivership proceedings, concursus proceedings, money demands of \$1,000 or more and less than \$5,000, and money demands irrespective of amount involved when accompanied by a conservatory writ, the fee shall be \$10.
- (3) Money demands of more than \$500 and less than \$1,000 dollars, probate proceedings, adoptions, tutorships and interdictions, the fee shall be \$5 for each suit.
- (4) Money demands of \$500 or less, and in all other cases not enumerated herein, the fee shall be \$3.

Proposed law repeals present law and changes the fee structure to require the clerk of court of the Twenty-sixth Judicial District Court for the Parish of Webster 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 or subject to the provisions of Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure Article 5181 et seq., a fee to be determined by the judges of the district, sitting en banc, which shall not exceed \$15.

Present law provides that the amount to be collected by the clerk of the district court for the Twenty-sixth Judicial District for the parish of Webster in addition to the filing fees authorized by law may be increased or decreased by the senior judge upon the approval of the Webster Parish Police Jury and the Webster Parish Bar Association.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides that in civil appeals cases, the \$2.50 per page transcription charge applies for transcriptions in excess of 350 pages.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Proposed law provides that the imposition of court costs or fees as provided by proposed law become effective on the date of Judicial Council approval and that no fee amounts provided in proposed law will be collected without Judicial Council approval.

Effective August 1, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 13:970(K) and (L))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Prohibit the collection of fees established by proposed law without Judicial Council approval.