

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 248

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

CORRECTIONS: Decreases probation and parole fees for certain offenders

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 895.1(C) and R.S.
3 15:574.4.2(A)(2)(e), relative to fees for probation and parole supervision; to provide
4 for a decrease in the fees for defendants on unsupervised probation and parolees on
5 inactive status; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 895.1(C) is hereby amended and
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 Art. 895.1. Probation; restitution; judgment for restitution; fees

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11 C.(1) When the court places the defendant on supervised probation, it shall
12 order as a condition of probation a monthly fee of not less than sixty nor more than
13 one hundred ten dollars payable to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections
14 or such other probation office, agency, or officer as designated by the court, to defray
15 the cost of supervision which includes salaries for probation and parole officers. If
16 the probation supervision services are rendered by an agency other than the
17 department, the fee may be ordered payable to that agency. These fees are only to
18 supplement the level of funds that would ordinarily be available from regular state
19 appropriations or any other source of funding.

probation office, agency, or officer as designated by the court, to defray the cost of supervision.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that when the court places the defendant on unsupervised probation, it shall order as a condition of probation a monthly fee of not more than one dollar to be payable to the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections or other such probation office, agency, or officer as designated by the court.

Present law (R.S. 15:574.4.2) provides that as a condition of parole, the committee on parole may require, either at the time of a prisoner's release on parole or at any time while he remains on parole, a supervision fee to be paid to the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections in an amount not to exceed \$63, which shall be based upon his ability to pay as determined by the committee on parole.

Proposed law decreases the present law supervision fee to an amount not to exceed one dollar for any parolee placed on inactive status, as provided for by present law (R.S. 15:574.7(E)(2)).

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 895.1(C) and R.S. 15:574.4.2(A)(2)(e))