

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 653

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Provides relative to court costs in the Family Court of East Baton Rouge Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:961(F)(1)(w), relative to court costs in the Family Court of East Baton
3 Rouge Parish; to provide for transcription fees; to provide for implementation; and
4 to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:961(F)(1)(w) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §961. Court reporters; generally

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9 F.(1)

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11 (w) In the Family Court of East Baton Rouge Parish, in all cases, except
12 those to be filed in forma pauperis, a fee determined by a majority of the judges for
13 each page and each copied page of all testimony reported and transcribed shall be
14 charged by and paid to the court reporter.

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16 Section 2. In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 13:62, the increase in court
17 costs or fees as provided by this Act shall become effective if and when the Judicial Council
18 provides a recommendation that such court costs or fees meet the applicable guidelines in
19 its report to the Louisiana Legislature. No fees shall be imposed or collected without
20 Judicial Council approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the judges of the Family Court of East Baton Rouge Parish to set the transcription fee paid to court reporters.

Present law provides that, in all civil and criminal cases, there is a fee not to exceed \$1.50 per 31-line page and 25¢ per copy reported and transcribed to be paid to the court reporter as compensation, in addition to the court reporter salary.

Proposed law requires the fee amounts for transcripts and copies to be determined by a majority vote of the judges of the Family Court of East Baton Rouge Parish to be paid to the court reporters in addition to their salary.

Proposed law provides the increase in court costs or fees shall become effective upon approval by the Judicial Council.

(Adds R.S. 13:961(F)(1)(w))