

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 202

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Provides relative to fees for the City Court of Hammond

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:1910.2, relative to fees imposed by the City Court of Hammond; to  
3 authorize a fee to be collected by the City Court of Hammond; to provide for the  
4 exclusive dedication of all monies collected; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:1910.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §1910.2. City Court of Hammond; judicial building fund

8 A. In all cases over which the City Court of Hammond has jurisdiction, the  
9 court may impose a service charge not to exceed twenty dollars per filing. The fee  
10 shall be paid to the clerk of court at the time of filing. The collection of the filing fee  
11 shall be subject to the provisions of Code of Civil Procedure Article 5181 et seq.

12 B. In each proceeding where a fine is imposed or court costs are ordered to  
13 be paid, a service charge not to exceed twenty dollars may be collected by the  
14 appropriate entity, which shall be in addition to all other fines, costs, or forfeitures  
15 lawfully imposed.

16 C. All monies collected in accordance with this Section shall be forwarded  
17 to the court and placed in a fund dedicated exclusively to the acquisition, leasing,  
18 construction, equipping, and maintenance of new and existing city courts and for the  
19 maintenance and payment of any bond indebtedness on any such existing facilities.  
20 "Equipping", as used in this Subsection, shall include all costs associated with new  
21 and existing software and electronic case management systems for court use

1 including, without limitation, the acquisition, installation, training, maintenance,  
2 professional technology services, enhancement and updating of software, systems,  
3 and reasonably related services and equipment.

4 D. The court shall have control over the fund and all disbursements made  
5 from the fund.

6 E. The court shall obtain prior approval of the local governing authority  
7 within the territorial jurisdiction of the court, through the adoption of a resolution or  
8 ordinance, before the fund is created and the fees authorized by this Section are  
9 imposed.

10 F. No bonds or other obligations shall be issued or sold unless prior written  
11 approval of the State Bond Commission is obtained.

DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for an increase in court fees in the City Court of Hammond and provides for the deposit of such fees in the judicial building fund.

Present law provides that in all cases over which a city court has jurisdiction, the court may impose a service charge not to exceed \$10 per filing.

Present law provides that in each proceeding where a fine is imposed or court costs are ordered to be paid, a service charge not to exceed \$10 may be collected by the appropriate entity, which shall be in addition to all other fines, costs, or forfeitures lawfully imposed. Provides that the monies collected be dedicated exclusively to acquisition, construction, equipping, or maintenance of new and existing city court facilities.

Proposed law retains present law and provides for an additional service charge of not to exceed \$20 to be paid to the clerk of court.

Proposed law provides for a service charge not to exceed \$20 to be collected by the appropriate entity.

Proposed law provides that all monies collected pursuant to present law shall be placed in a dedicated fund for the acquisition, leasing, construction, equipping, and maintenance of city courts.

Proposed law provides for the creation of the fund by resolution adopted by the local governing authority.

(Adds R.S. 13:1910.2)