

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 150

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT

FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS: Increases certain fees for justice of the peace courts

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2590(A)(1), (2), (3), (23), and (30), relative to justice of the
3 peace court costs; to provide for an increase in court costs collected by a justice of
4 the peace for the filing and service of certain pleadings and judgments in civil
5 matters; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:2590(A)(1), (2), (3), (23), and (30) are hereby amended and
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 §2590. Security for costs

10 A. A justice of the peace may demand and receive up to the following
11 amounts in all civil matters:

12 (1) New suit: one hundred thirty dollars, and twenty dollars per additional
13 defendant.

14 (2) Eviction proceeding: one hundred twenty dollars, and twenty dollars per
15 additional defendant.

16 (3) Writ of execution: ~~forty~~ sixty dollars, and twenty dollars per additional
17 defendant.

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19 (23) Service of judgment: ~~twenty~~ thirty dollars per party.

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1 (30) Additional or out of district service of process: ~~twenty~~ thirty dollars per
2 service.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases certain fees for justice of the peace courts in civil matters.

Present law provides a fee schedule for justice of the peace courts.

Proposed law retains present law and increases certain fees in civil matters including the following:

- (1) New suit: from \$100 to \$130
- (2) Eviction proceeding: from \$100 to \$120
- (3) Writ of execution: from \$40 to \$60
- (4) Service of judgment: from \$20 to \$30
- (5) Additional service of process: from \$20 to \$30

Proposed law adds an out of district service of process fee with an amount of \$30.

(Amends R.S. 13:2590(A)(1), (2), (3), (23), and (30))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

- 1. Change the proposed fee increase for new suits from \$140 to \$130.
- 2. Change the proposed fee increase in eviction proceedings from \$140 to \$120.
- 3. Change the proposed fee increase for a writ of execution from \$80 to \$60.