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HOUSE BILL NO. 240

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BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS: Increases certain fees for the justice of the peace courts in East Baton Rouge Parish and Jefferson Parish

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2590.1(B), relative to justice of the peace court costs in 3 certain parishes; to authorize an increase in court costs collected by a justice of the 4 peace for certain filings and services in civil matters; and to provide for related 5 matters. 6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 7 Section 1. R.S. 13:2590.1(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 8 §2590.1. Appointment of clerk of court; security for costs; East Baton Rouge 9 Parish; Jefferson Parish 10 11 B. A justice of the peace in East Baton Rouge Parish and Jefferson Parish 12 may demand and receive up to the following amounts in addition to or in lieu of the 13 costs provided for in R.S. 13:2590 for filings and services in civil matters: 14 (1) New suit: twenty thirty dollars, and five dollars per additional defendant. 15 (2) Eviction proceeding: twenty thirty dollars, and five dollars per additional 16 defendant. 17 (3) Garnishment, writ of attachment through garnishment: twenty thirty 18 dollars, and five dollars per additional defendant, plus ten dollars for attorney 19 answering any interrogatories.

CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

(4) Service of garnishment pleadings and order on defendant when garnishee is a financial institution: twenty thirty dollars, and five dollars per additional defendant.

(5) Judgment debtor rule: twenty thirty dollars, and five dollars per additional defendant.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases certain fees for justice of the peace courts in civil matters in East Baton Rouge Parish and Jefferson Parish.

<u>Present law</u> provides a fee schedule for justice of the peace courts in East Baton Rouge Parish and Jefferson Parish.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and increases certain fees in civil matters including the following:

- (1) New suit: from \$20 to \$30.
- (2) Eviction proceeding: <u>from</u> \$20 <u>to</u> \$30.
- (3) Garnishment, writ of attachment through garnishment: from \$20 to \$30.
- (4) Service of garnishment pleadings and order on defendant when garnishee is a financial institution: from \$20 to \$30.
- (5) Judgment debtor rule: from \$20 to \$30.

(Amends R.S. 13:2590.1(B))