

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 757

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Provides relative to the judicial expense fund for the 19th JDC

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:991(A), relative to court costs; to provide relative to judicial
3 expense funds of district courts; to provide relative to the judicial expense fund for
4 the Nineteenth Judicial District Court; to increase filing fees and court costs in civil
5 suits; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:991(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §991. Judicial expense fund for ~~nineteenth judicial district~~ Nineteenth Judicial
9 District; established

10 A. In addition to all other fees or costs now or hereafter provided by law, the
11 clerk of court of the Nineteenth Judicial District shall collect from every person
12 filing any type of civil suit or proceeding and who is not otherwise exempted by law
13 from the payment of court costs, a sum ~~to be determined by the judges of said~~
14 ~~district, sitting en banc, which sum shall not exceed fifteen~~ of sixty dollars, subject,
15 however, to the provisions of Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure, Article 5181, et
16 seq.; and, in all criminal cases over which the Nineteenth Judicial District Court has
17 jurisdiction, there shall be taxed as costs against every defendant who is convicted
18 after trial or after plea of guilty or who forfeits his bond, a sum likewise determined
19 but which shall not exceed five dollars, shall be in addition to all other fines, costs

1 or forfeitures lawfully imposed and which shall be transmitted to the said clerk for
2 further disposition in accordance herewith.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases filing fees and court costs in civil suits for the 19th JDC.

Present law authorizes the 19th JDC to establish a judicial expense fund and to assess additional costs and civil charges in civil matters.

Present law requires the judges of the 19th JDC, sitting en banc, to determine a sum not to exceed \$15 that shall be collected or received by the clerk of court and placed in a separate account to be designated as the Judicial Expense Fund for the 19th JDC.

Proposed law removes the requirement of the judges of the 19th JDC, sitting en banc, to determine a sum not to exceed \$15 and fixes the sum at \$60.

(Amends R.S. 13:991(A))