

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 123

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARLSON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Provides relative to deferral of costs and fees associated with electronic filing requirements

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:4521(B) and to enact R.S. 13:4521(A)(6), relative to deferral  
3 of costs and fees associated with electronic filing requirements; to provide for  
4 definitions; to provide relative to periods within which to pay court costs; and to  
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:4521(B) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 13:4521(A)(6)  
8 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §4521. State and its subdivisions; temporary deferral of court costs; exceptions

10 A.

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12 (6) As the term is used in this Section, "court costs" include costs, user fees,  
13 and recording fees charged by each clerk of court or third party vendor for electronic  
14 filing of civil and criminal pleadings authorized by R.S. 13:754, fees for electronic  
15 filing of documents authorized by R.S. 13:841 and Code of Civil Procedure Article  
16 253(B), and related convenience, transaction, or service fees for electronic filings.

17 B. Except when the law imposes personal responsibility for costs on the  
18 agent, officers, or employees, it shall be the responsibility of the governmental  
19 entities who temporarily defer costs as set forth in this Section to pay any deferred  
20 costs assessed against them or their agents, officers, or employees, ~~within thirty days~~



the judgment becomes final and definitive under the provisions of present law or is otherwise nonappealable or nonreviewable, and until all issues in the judicial proceeding are adjudicated.

(Amends R.S. 13:4521(B); Adds R.S. 13:4521(A)(6))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Provide that costs charged by third party vendors are included in the definition of "court costs".