

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 100

BY REPRESENTATIVE DIXON

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Establishes court costs to pay for settlements to wrongfully convicted individuals

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:1000.10, relative to court costs; to provide for additional court costs in  
3 district courts and family courts; to require clerks of district and family courts to  
4 collect an additional fee in all civil filings; to provide for the collection,  
5 disbursement, and use of additional funds; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:1000.10 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1000.10. Civil matters; additional costs for compensation for wrongful conviction  
9 and imprisonment

10 A. In addition to all other fees and costs now or hereafter provided by law,  
11 the clerks of the family courts and district courts, including the Civil District Court  
12 for the parish of Orleans, shall collect from every person a nonrefundable fee of six  
13 dollars for all civil filings.

14 B. The clerks of the respective district and family courts, within thirty days  
15 of the close of each fiscal year, shall remit all funds collected pursuant to this Section  
16 to be deposited in the state treasurer's account for credit to the Innocence  
17 Compensation Fund hereinafter referred to as the "fund". All monies deposited into  
18 this fund shall be used solely for compensation for persons wrongfully convicted and  
19 imprisoned as provided by R.S. 15:572.8(N).

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes an increase of \$6 in court costs for all civil filings in all district courts, family courts, and the civil district court of New Orleans.

Proposed law requires the clerk of each district court and family court to collect an additional \$6 in court costs for all civil filings.

Proposed law requires the clerks to remit all collected funds within 30 days of the close of each fiscal year for deposit into the state treasurer's fund for credit to the Innocence Compensation Fund.

Proposed law provides for the use of the funds in accordance with present law, which requires all monies to be used exclusively by the court to compensate petitioners who are found to be factually innocent of the crime of which convicted.

(Adds R.S. 13:1000.10)