

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 42

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

COURTS. Provides relative to the transfer of interest earned and certain unclaimed fees and costs from the City Court of Lafayette's civil fee account. (8/1/14)

1 AN ACT
2 To enact R.S. 13:2078.1, relative to the City Court of Lafayette; to provide relative to the
3 City Court of Lafayette civil fee account; to authorize the annual transfer of interest
4 earned on the civil fee account to the general operational fund of the court; to
5 authorize under certain conditions the transfer of certain unclaimed fees and costs
6 in the civil fee account to the general operational fund of the court; to provide certain
7 terms, conditions and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 13:2078.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 **§2078.1. City Court of Lafayette; civil fee account**

11 **A. Interest earned on the City Court of Lafayette civil fee account may**
12 **be transferred annually by the judges to the general operational fund of the**
13 **court.**

14 **B. If unclaimed fees and costs in the City Court of Lafayette civil fee**
15 **account have remained unclaimed for a period of three years or more, the**
16 **judges of the court may thereafter transfer the amount of such unclaimed fees**
17 **and costs to the general operational fund of the court. The city court shall**

1 **remain liable for the full amount of any viable claim for unclaimed property in**
2 **accordance with any other provision of law. The provisions of this Subsection**
3 **shall not affect any claim or right granted to a claimant by the provisions of the**
4 **Uniform Unclaimed Property Act, R.S. 9:151, et seq.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Julie J. Baxter.

DIGEST

Cortez (SB 42)

Proposed law authorizes the annual transfer of interest earned on the City Court of Lafayette civil fee account to the general operational fund of the City Court of Lafayette.

Proposed law further provides that unclaimed fees and costs in the City Court of Lafayette civil fee account which have remained unclaimed for a period of three years or more may be transferred to the general operational fund of the City Court of Lafayette. Proposed law further provides that after such transfers, the City Court of Lafayette shall remain liable for the full amount of any viable claim for unclaimed property in accordance with present law. Proposed law further provides that the provisions of proposed law shall not affect any claim or right granted to a claimant by the provisions of the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act, R.S. 9:151 et seq.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 13:2078.1)