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## DIGEST

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HB 627 Engrossed

2016 Regular Session

Jackson

**Abstract:** Authorizes mayors to impose additional court costs not to exceed \$20 for each offense, as defined by ordinance, on any defendant convicted of a violation of a municipal ordinance, provided that \$10 of such court costs collected shall be remitted to the local public defender's office.

Proposed law provides that mayors may impose additional court costs not to exceed \$20 for each offense, as defined by ordinance or traffic violation, on any defendant convicted of a violation of a municipal ordinance.

Proposed law requires that \$10 of such additional court costs collected shall be remitted to the local public defenders office.

Present law (R.S. 33:447.11) provides for the collection of additional court cost fees for mayor's courts in DeQuincy, Iowa, Vinton and Westlake to be deposited in the 14th JDC's Indigent Defenders Fund. Provides for a termination date of Aug. 1, 2016.

Proposed law extends this present law termination date to Aug. 1, 2020.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 33:441(A)(2) and (3) and §2 of Act No. 13 of the 2013 R.S.; Adds R.S. 33:441(A)(4))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Authorizes, instead of requiring, mayor's courts to impose additional court costs not to exceed \$20 for each defense defined by ordinance or traffic violation for a municipal ordinance violation conviction.
2. Extends the effectiveness of a present law provision regarding the collection of additional court costs for mayor's courts in certain municipalities (R.S. 33:447.11) from Aug. 1, 2016, to Aug. 1, 2020.
3. Adds an emergency effective date.