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2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 325

BY SENATOR CLAITOR

FUNDS/FUNDING. Makes changes to Judicial Building Fund as it relates to juvenile court matters. (7/1/16)

1 AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:992.1(A) and (C)(4), relative to the Judicial Building Fund;

to provide for the application of certain court costs and service charges in the

Nineteenth Judicial District; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for

5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:992.1(A) and (C)(4) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as

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§992.1. Judicial building fund

A. The Nineteenth Judicial District Court and the clerk of court of the Nineteenth Judicial District are hereby authorized to impose the following additional costs of court and service charges provided for in Subsection B of this Section in all cases over which the court has jurisdiction, until the bonded indebtedness provided for in Subsection C of this Section is paid. The costs and charges provided in Subsection B of this Section shall not apply to cases involving juvenile and family matters. The costs and charges may be up to and include the maximum amount set

forth and shall be imposed on order of the judges en banc. Such costs and charges

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shall be paid to the clerk of court when the filing is made.

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(4) The monies generated pursuant to this Section shall be forwarded by the clerk of court and sheriff to the fiscal agent bank chosen by the commission to be held in the courthouse construction fund. Any funds currently on deposit to the separate account of the judicial expense fund from the costs and charges authorized by this Section shall be transferred at the discretion of the commission to the courthouse construction fund held by the commission's fiscal agent. These monies deposited to the courthouse construction fund shall be dedicated to the design, planning, feasibility, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, and maintaining a new facility to house the Nineteenth Judicial District Court, the Family Court of East Baton Rouge Parish, the Juvenile Court, the offices of the clerk of court for the Nineteenth Judicial District, and such other ancillary agencies as may be necessary. No monies generated pursuant to this Section shall be used for payment of any bonded indebtedness involving site acquisition or construction of a new facility unless approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and the State Bond Commission.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2016; if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2016, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

The original instrument was prepared by Jay Lueckel. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Martha Hess.

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<u>Present law</u> provides for the Building Fund in the Nineteenth Judicial District for funding and building the courthouse from certain additional court costs and fees. Provides that such costs shall not apply to cases involving juvenile and family matters.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but applies the additional costs and charges to juvenile matters.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the monies generated by such costs and fees be forwarded by the clerk of court and sheriff to the fiscal agent bank chosen by the commission to be held in the courthouse construction fund. Also delineates the courts which will be housed in the new facility.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the Juvenile Court to the list.

Effective July 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 13:992.1(A) and (C)(4))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the original bill

1. Removes family matters from proposed law.