

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 773

2016 Regular Session

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COURTS/COURT COSTS: Provides for court costs collected in criminal cases

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Adds an additional \$10 filing fee for all civil petition filings in the 12th JDC effective one month after judicial council approval.
2. Establishes the Avoyelles Parish Courthouse Security Fund to fund security for the Avoyelles Parish Courthouse. Funds will be collected from the following sources:
 - a. Avoyelles Parish Police Jury general fund.
 - b. Criminal court fees assessed by the judges of the 12th JDC.
 - c. A portion of funds derived from the pre-trial diversion program administered by the district attorney.
 - d. The additional \$10 filing fee for all civil petition filings in the 12th JDC.
3. Provides that additional court costs assessed pursuant to present law for the benefit of crime lab commissions and, specifically, the North La. Crime Lab Commission are optional in the mayor's courts of Dequincy, Iowa, Vinton, and Westlake if those courts are collecting a separate \$20 court cost to benefit the 14th JDC Indigent Defender Fund.
4. Extends the termination date from Aug. 1, 2016 to Aug. 1, 2023 for these provisions affecting Dequincy, Iowa, Vinton, and Westlake.
5. Makes technical amendments.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides for court costs or fees for the 12th Judicial District.

Proposed law retains present law and adds provisions for an additional initial civil petition filing fee of \$10 in the 12th Judicial District, allocation and deposit of the monies into the Avoyelles Parish Courthouse Security Fund, and utilization of the fees. Provides that the new fee is contingent upon review and approval of the Judicial Council of the Supreme Court of Louisiana.

Present law provides for court costs in criminal and juvenile matters.

Proposed law retains present law. Provides for additional court costs in the amount of \$10 to the 19th Judicial District Court Building Commission or \$10 to the Juvenile Court of East Baton Rouge Parish, as applicable.

Proposed law adds additional court costs in the 19th JDC or the Juvenile Court authorized by proposed law which will expire on and after Aug. 1, 2021.

Present law provides for certain court costs in the mayor's courts of Dequincy, Iowa, Vinton, and Westlake, to benefit the 14th JDC Indigent Defender Fund, to termination on Aug. 1, 2023.

Present law also provides for certain costs to be collected to benefit the North La. Crime Lab

Commission and other crime lab commissions.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that court costs levied in the mayor's courts of Dequincy, Iowa, Vinton, and Westlake in excess of \$10 per offense shall be optional if costs are being collected to benefit the 14th JDC.

Provides that the additional filing fee for the 12th Judicial District shall become effective one month after approval of the Judicial Council. The provisions relative to the additional criminal fees in the 19th JDC and the Juvenile Court of East Baton Rouge Parish (Section 2) shall terminate Aug. 1, 2021 and shall be repealed upon that date. All other provisions of this Act shall become effective upon Aug. 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 33:447.11; Adds R.S. 13:996.33(F) and 1000.7)