

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST**ACT 131 (HB 224)****2016 Regular Session****Leger**

Prior law required the collection of an additional court cost in the amount of 50¢ to be collected by the Supreme Court, appellate courts, district courts, parish courts, and city courts, upon civil filings and traffic matters, with exceptions for some juvenile and family matters. Prior law also required the costs collected to be used to defray the costs associated with the growth and program improvement of the Judicial College. Prior law was contained in nine separate provisions of law, one for each court collecting the cost.

New law repeals those nine prior law provisions and consolidates them into one provision.

New law retains the amounts that were collected in prior law and further provides that an additional 50¢ cost shall be collected for the initial filing in all civil matters, with no exceptions, and provides that the 50¢ cost shall be assessed as court costs for criminal convictions including traffic offenses.

New law requires an annual audit of the funds.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Adds R.S. 13:86; Repeals R.S. 13:126.1, 352.1, 841.3, 1213.3, 1912, 2157.1, 2500.5, 2520, and 2565)