

**RÉSUMÉ DIGEST****ACT 644 (HB 773)****2016 Regular Session****Marcelle**

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

New law retains existing law and further 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, which will expire on or after Aug. 1, 2021.

Existing law provides for the Building Fund in the 19th Judicial District for construction of the courthouse from certain additional court costs and fees. Prior law provided that such costs not apply to cases involving juvenile and family matters.

New law provides that the additional costs and charges shall apply to juvenile matters and prohibits the additional costs from applying to any child welfare proceeding instituted by the Dept. of Children and Family Services or any district attorney's office.

Existing law 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. Existing law also provides that the new facility will house the 19th JDC, the Family Court of East Baton Rouge Parish, the office of the 19th JDC Clerk of Court, and other ancillary agencies.

New law retains existing law and adds the Juvenile Court to the list of courts to be housed in such facility.

Existing 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 terminate on Aug. 1, 2016.

Existing law also provides for certain costs to be collected to benefit the North La. Crime Lab Commission and other crime lab commissions.

New law retains existing law and provides that these 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. New law also extends the effectiveness of the court costs to benefit the 14th JDC to Aug. 1, 2023.

Section 1 of the Act is effective July 1, 2016; other sections are effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 13:992.1(A) and (C)(4), R.S. 33:447.11, §2 of Act No. 13 of 2013; Adds R.S. 13:1000.7; Repeals R.S. 13:1000.7)