

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 589

BY REPRESENTATIVE ABRAMSON

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Provides relative to fees and costs of the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1213.2 and R.S. 44:181.4, relative to the collection and  
3 application of court fees and costs; to provide relative to the authority to collect fees  
4 and costs of the Civil District Court; to provide for the allocation of such costs and  
5 fees; provides relative to fees for recordation of other documents and any change is  
6 such fees; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 13:1213.2 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §1213.2. Fees; clerk of the Civil District Court

10 The clerk of the Civil District Court shall collect the fees and costs set forth  
11 in R.S. 13:1213.1, and any other applicable law, and shall deposit no less than sixty  
12 percent of the amounts collected in the Clerk's Salary Fund. The remaining funds  
13 shall be deposited in the judicial expense fund for the Civil District Court for the  
14 Parish of Orleans. The clerk and the chief judge of the Civil District Court may at  
15 any time renegotiate the sixty percent ~~collection fees~~ of the fees and costs collected,  
16 but at no time shall the sixty percent be reduced below fifty percent of the civil filing  
17 fees and costs collected by the clerk.

18 Section 2. R.S. 44:181.4 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

19 §181.4. Fees

20 The clerk of court as the parish recorder shall collect all charges and fees  
21 which are in effect for the recordation of records and other documents in the parish

1 of Orleans on January 1, 2009, and remitted in accordance with the existing  
2 provisions of law. Any ~~increase or decrease~~ change in fees shall be as provided by  
3 the legislature.

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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the collection and application of court fees and costs of the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans.

Present law requires that the clerk of the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans collect the fees set forth in present law (R.S. 13:1213.1).

Present law requires that the clerk deposit no less than 60% of the amounts collected in the Clerk's Salary Fund, and that the remaining funds be deposited in the judicial expense fund.

Present law authorizes the clerk and the chief judge of the C.D.C. to renegotiate the 60% of fees collected, but in no case shall the percentage be reduced below 50%.

Proposed law retains present law, and includes fees and costs from other applicable provisions of law.

Present law requires the clerk of court as the parish recorder to collect all charges and fees which are in effect for the recordation of records and documents in the parish of Orleans on Jan. 1, 2009, and remitted in accordance with the existing provisions of law, and provides that any increase or decrease in fees shall be as provided by the legislature.

Proposed law retains present law and specifies that present law is applicable to other documents and that any change in fees shall be as provided by the legislature.

(Amends R.S. 13:1213.2 and R.S. 44:181.4)