

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 83

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(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Provides relative to court costs in the 15th JDC

DIGEST

Proposed law authorizes, in all cases in the 15th JDC except those to be filed in forma pauperis, a fee determined by a majority of the judges for each page and each copied page of all testimony reported and transcribed to be charged by and paid by the court reporter. Proposed law requires Judicial Council of this increase before the fee can be imposed or collected.

Present law provides for the 15th JDC to collect a filing fee no greater than \$15 in all civil court matters. Provides for the assessment of criminal court costs not to exceed five dollars. Additionally, in all civil and criminal cases, there is a fee not to exceed \$1.50 per 31-line page and 25 cents per copy reported and transcribed to be paid to the court reporter as compensation, in addition to the court reporter salary.

Proposed law increases the criminal court fee assessed to certain defendants from a sum no greater than five dollars to a sum not to exceed \$20 dollars. Also increases the civil court filing fees from a sum no greater than \$15 to a sum not to exceed \$35. Additionally, requires the fee amounts for transcripts and copies to be determined by a majority vote of the judges in the 15th JDC to be paid to the court reporters in addition to their salary.

(Amends R.S. 13:996.25(A); adds R.S. 13:961(F)(1)(v))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Requires Judicial Council approval of an increase in court costs or fees in proposed law before the fees can be imposed or collected.