

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 83****2018 Regular Session****Coussan**COURTS/COURT COSTS: Provides relative to court costs in the 15th JDC**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Makes the increase in court reporter fees contingent upon the approval of the Judicial Council.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

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 \$5. 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 \$5 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. The court reporter fee amounts for transcripts and copies are contingent upon the approval of the Judicial Council.

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