

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 447 (HB 83)

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Prior law required the clerk of court for the 15<sup>th</sup> JDC to collect a filing fee not to exceed \$15 in all civil court matters. Provided for the assessment of criminal court costs not to exceed \$5.

New law increases the criminal court fee assessed to certain defendants from a sum not to exceed \$5 to a sum not to exceed \$20. Also, increases the civil court filing fees from a sum not to exceed \$15 to a sum not to exceed \$35.

Existing law provides that, 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.

New law requires the fee amounts for transcripts and copies to be determined by a majority vote of the judges in the 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

Effective August 1, 2018.

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