2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 487

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY

ADOPTION: Limits the amount of adoption filing fees in certain cases

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 13:844.1, relative to adoptions; to provide relative to adoption filing fees; to
3	provide a maximum amount of adoption filing fees for certain adoptions; and to
4	provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 13:844.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
7	<u>§844.1. Fees; in-state adoptions</u>
8	A. Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, the fee assessed
9	by the clerk of court for the filing of a petition for an in-state adoption shall not
10	exceed one hundred seventy-five dollars.
11	B. For the purpose of this Section, "in-state adoption" means any adoption
12	not involving an adoption agency located outside the state of Louisiana.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides a maximum amount of \$175 in filing fees that can be assessed by a clerk of court for in-state adoptions.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the clerk of court to charge a maximum filing fee of not more than \$175 for in-state adoptions.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines "in-state adoption" as an adoption that does not involve an agency located outside this state.

(Adds R.S. 13:844.1)