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## DIGEST

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HB 502 Engrossed

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Edmonds

**Abstract:** Requires the clerk of court of the 19th Judicial District to distribute funds to the Judicial Expense Fund for the Family Court for the parish of East Baton Rouge on a monthly basis with a full accounting, and to reimburse the Court for expenses incurred in association with domestic violence cases. Authorizes the Court to inspect the clerk's records.

Present law (R.S. 13:996.3) provides that for all cases on the docket of the Family Court for the parish of East Baton Rouge, the clerk of court of the 19th Judicial District shall collect a fee of up to \$25 to be payable to the Family Court. The clerk shall place such sums collected or received in a Judicial Expense Fund for the Family Court.

Proposed law requires the clerk of court to distribute those funds once a month prior to the distribution of funds to any other account and provide an accounting of all funds distributed.

Proposed law authorizes the clerk of court to collect installment payments for court costs, and requires the sums collected to be transferred to the Judicial Expense Fund for the Family Court.

Proposed law authorizes the clerk of court of the 19th Judicial District to collect installment payments for such costs.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 13:996.3(B); Adds R.S. 13:996.3(C))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Allow the sums collected pursuant to present law to be transferred to the Judicial Expense Fund without the entire balance of the court costs being collected.