

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 574

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Provides relative to fees dedicated to the operational costs of the office of the coroner in Concordia Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:5722(A)(2)(f) and to repeal R.S. 13:5722(A)(2)(e), relative to court costs  
3 in Concordia Parish; to provide for an additional court fee in criminal matters in all  
4 courts in Concordia Parish; to provide relative to the coroner's operational fund; to  
5 provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:5722(A)(2)(f) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §5722. Coroner's Operational Fund established

9 A.

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11 (2)

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13 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 13:62, in criminal cases, including  
14 traffic violations, in all courts in Concordia Parish, a fee of not more than five dollars  
15 may be imposed on every defendant who is convicted after trial or plea of guilty,  
16 which fee shall be used solely to defray the operational costs of the office of the  
17 coroner of the parish.

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19 Section 2. R.S. 13:5722(A)(2)(e) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

1 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
5 effective on the day following such approval.

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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Allows Concordia Parish courts to collect a fee of no more than five dollars in criminal cases to be used solely to defray the operational costs of the office of the coroner of the parish.

Present law establishes the Coroner's Operational Fund and a criminal court fee on certain defendants dedicated to defraying the operational costs of the office of the coroner in the parish in which the conviction occurred. Provides for an additional fee in certain parishes for the support of the coroner.

Proposed law authorizes an additional fee of not more than five dollars on every defendant who is convicted in all courts in Concordia Parish to be used solely to defray the operation costs of the coroner's office and repeals a similar fee.

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

(Adds R.S. 13:5722(A)(2)(f); Repeals R.S. 15:5722(A)(2)(e))