

2021 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 113

BY SENATORS TARVER AND CARTER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CIVIL PROCEDURE. Provides relative to the payment of fees for interpreters for non-English-speaking persons in civil cases. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Art. 192.2(B), relative to interpreters in
3 certain civil proceedings; to provide relative to costs; and to provide for related
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Art. 192.2(B) is hereby amended and reenacted
7 to read as follows:

8 Art. 192.2. Appointment of interpreter for non-English-speaking persons

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10 B. The Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
11 court shall order payment to the interpreter for his services at a fixed reasonable
12 amount, and that amount shall be paid out of the appropriate court fund, ~~except as~~
13 ~~provided in Paragraph C of this Article. The amount paid out of the fund may be~~
14 ~~taxed by the court as costs of court to be reimbursed to the fund.~~

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16 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
17 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
3 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michael Bell. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Carla S. Roberts.

DIGEST

SB 113 Engrossed

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Present law requires the court to order payment out of the court fund to the interpreter for his services at a fixed reasonable amount in civil proceedings, except in cases of domestic abuse where a protective order is sought.

Present law specifies that the amount paid out of the court fund may be taxed by the court as costs of court to be reimbursed to the fund.

Proposed law eliminates the authorization that the amount paid out of the court fund to the interpreter to be cast as court costs to be reimbursed to the fund. Proposed law eliminates the authorization for the court to cast as court costs the amount paid to interpreters in cases of domestic abuse when a protective order is sought.

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

(Amends C.C.P. Art. 192.2(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to the original bill

1. Eliminates authorization of the court to cast interpreter fees as court costs in cases of domestic abuse where a protective order is sought.