

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 671

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON

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

1 AN ACT

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

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

7 §5722. Coroner's Operational Fund established

8 A.

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12 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 13:62, in criminal cases, including
13 traffic violations, in all courts in Tensas Parish, East Carroll Parish, and Madison
14 Parish, a fee of not less than five dollars nor more than ten dollars may be imposed
15 on every defendant who is convicted after trial or plea of guilty, which fee shall be
16 used solely to defray the operational costs of the office of the coroner of the parish.

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DIGEST

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HB 671 Engrossed

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Abstract: Allows certain parish courts to collect a fee of not less than \$5 nor more than \$10 in criminal cases to be used solely to defray the 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 less than \$5 and no more than \$10 on every defendant who is convicted in all courts in Tensas Parish, East Carroll Parish, and Madison Parish to be used solely to defray the operational costs of the coroner's office.

(Adds R.S. 13:5722(A)(2)(f))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Make technical changes.
2. Add East Carroll Parish and Madison Parish.
3. Change the fee amount from not less than \$5 to not less than \$5 and no more than \$10.