

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 159

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 amend and reenact R.S. 13:5722(A)(2)(f), relative to court costs in Concordia Parish; to
3 provide relative to a mandatory additional court fee in criminal matters in all courts
4 in Concordia Parish; to provide relative to the coroner's operational fund; to provide
5 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 amended and reenacted to read as
8 follows:

9 §5722. Coroner's Operational Fund established

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

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17 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
18 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
19 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
2 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires a fee of not less than \$5 nor more than \$10 be imposed on every convicted defendant in Concordia Parish for the operational costs of the office of the coroner.

Present law (R.S. 13:62) requires that every new or increased court cost or fee be submitted to the Judicial Council for review and recommendation to the legislature prior to enactment.

Present law (R.S. 13:5722) establishes the Coroner's Operational Fund where an additional fee may be imposed on certain defendants to defray the operational costs of the coroner in the parish in which the conviction occurred.

Present law (R.S. 13:5722) provides that, notwithstanding present law R.S. 13:62, a fee of \$5 to \$10 may be imposed on every criminal defendant, including traffic violations, who is convicted after trial or plea of guilty.

Present law (R.S. 13:5722) provides that this fee shall be solely put towards the operational costs of the office of the coroner of the parish.

Proposed law changes present law and requires the fee of \$5 to \$10 be imposed on every criminal defendant.

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

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