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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.

<u>Present law</u> (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.

<u>Present law</u> (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.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 13:5722) provides that, notwithstanding <u>present law</u> 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.

<u>Present law</u> (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.

<u>Proposed law</u> changes <u>present law</u> 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))