

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 489

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Provides relative to court costs in the Family Court of East Baton Rouge Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:996.3(A), relative to the judicial expense fund for the Family
3 Court for the parish of East Baton Rouge; to provide for the maximum fee to be
4 charged by the clerk; to provide for implementation; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:996.3(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §996.3. Judicial expense fund for the Family Court for the parish of East Baton
9 Rouge; established; disbursements

10 A. In addition to all other fees or costs now or hereafter provided by law, the
11 clerk of court of the Nineteenth Judicial District shall collect from every person
12 filing any action, suit, or motion and rule to show cause on the docket of the Family
13 Court of East Baton Rouge Parish and who is not otherwise exempted by law from
14 the payment of court costs, a sum to be determined by the judges of ~~said~~ the court,
15 sitting en banc, which sum shall not exceed ~~twenty-five~~ thirty-five dollars, subject,
16 however, to the provisions of Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure, Article 5181 et
17 seq.; and in all criminal nonsupport cases over which the Family Court of East Baton
18 Rouge Parish has jurisdiction, including contempt proceedings provided for by
19 Children's Code Article 1353, there shall be taxed as costs against every defendant
20 who is convicted after trial or after plea of guilty or who forfeits his bond, a sum

1 likewise determined, but which shall not exceed ten dollars, which shall be in
2 addition to all other fines, costs, or forfeitures lawfully imposed, and which shall be
3 transmitted to the clerk for further disposition in accordance herewith.

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5 Section 2. In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 13:62, the increase in court
6 costs or fees as provided by this Act shall become effective if and when the Judicial Council
7 provides a recommendation that such court costs or fees meet the applicable guidelines in
8 its report to the Louisiana Legislature. No fees shall be imposed or collected without
9 Judicial Council approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the minimum fee collected by the clerk of the 19th Judicial District Court (JDC) for actions on the docket of the Family Court of E. Baton Rouge Parish from \$25 to \$35.

Present law requires the clerk of court for the 19th JDC to collect a filing fee not to exceed \$25 from every person filing any action, suit, or motion and rule to show cause on the docket of the Family Court of E. Baton Rouge Parish.

Proposed law increases the filing fee from \$25 to \$35.

Proposed law provides that the increase in court costs or fees shall become effective upon approval by the Judicial Council.

(Amends R.S. 13:996.3(A))