

SENATE BILL NO. 401

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:1236(55)(a), relative to the powers of parish governing authorities; to provide for certain fees in St. Tammany and Washington parishes; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:1236(55)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1236. Powers of parish governing authorities

The police juries and other parish governing authorities shall have the following powers:

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(55)(a) The governing authorities of the parishes of St. Tammany and Washington may enact ordinances requiring the clerk of court to impose, collect, and remit to the parish for operational expenses of the judicial system and its related agencies an additional charge, not exceeding ~~five~~ **fifteen** dollars, for the registration and recordation of any document in the mortgage and conveyance records; and an additional charge, not exceeding ~~fifteen~~ **twenty-five** dollars, for the filing and recordation of adoptions, successions, and any other new civil suits and written motions for hearings filed in or with the clerk of court's office. No additional charge shall be made for criminal court filings, ~~civil court filings in forma pauperis~~, oaths of office, U.C.C. filings, sheriff's commissions, marriage licenses, notary or appearance bonds, or any other filing for which no filing fee is charged. The clerk of court may retain five percent of such additional charge to defray costs associated therewith. Additionally, the governing authorities of the parishes may enact ordinances requiring the sheriff to impose, collect, and remit to the parish for operational expenses of the respective judicial system and its related agencies such

1 additional charge, not exceeding ~~five~~ **fifteen** dollars, for each tax certificate issued
2 or filed by the sheriff of the parish. The charges authorized in this Subparagraph
3 shall be in addition to all other charges authorized by law.

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5 Section 2. In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 13:62, the increase in those
6 court costs or fees which are subject to Judicial Council approval, some of which are
7 provided for in this Act, shall become effective if and when the Judicial Council provides
8 a favorable recommendation in a Judicial Council Report to the Louisiana Legislature.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____