

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 347

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRIS

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1875(12)(c) and 1899(B), relative to the City Court of Alexandria; to provide relative to the use of civil filing fees and court costs in criminal matters; to provide relative to the general fund of the city of Alexandria; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 13:1875(12)(c) and 1899(B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1875. Compensation of city judges; particular courts

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(c) One-half of civil fees assessed and collected shall be ~~transmitted, on a monthly basis, by the clerk of the city court for deposit to the general fund of the city of Alexandria~~ used for the operational expenses of the City Court of Alexandria and one-half thereof shall be transmitted for deposit to the general fund of the Rapides Parish Police Jury.

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§1899. Assessment and disposition of costs in criminal cases; costs in juvenile matters for specified courts

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B.(1) Except as otherwise provided by law, the proceeds derived from these costs shall be deposited in a special account which shall be subject to audit, and used

1 for the operational expenses of the court or for the payment of clerical fees or other
2 similar expenditures as may be approved by the judge.

3 (2) In lieu of the requirement to use the costs assessed in criminal matters for
4 the operational expenses of the court pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection,
5 all fines, fees, including probation fees, or costs of court assessed and collected by
6 the City Court of Alexandria pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be
7 deposited in the general fund of the city of Alexandria.

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9 Section 2. R.S. 13:1875(12)(c) and 1899(B) are hereby amended and reenacted to
10 read as follows:

11 §1875. Compensation of city judges; particular courts

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13 (12)

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15 (c) One-half of civil fees assessed and collected shall be ~~used for the~~
16 ~~operational expenses of the City Court of Alexandria~~ transmitted, on a monthly basis,
17 by the clerk of the city court for deposit to the general fund of the city of Alexandria
18 and one-half thereof shall be transmitted for deposit to the general fund of the
19 Rapides Parish Police Jury.

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21 §1899. Assessment and disposition of costs in criminal cases; costs in juvenile
22 matters for specified courts

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24 B.(1) Except as otherwise provided by law, the proceeds derived from these
25 costs shall be deposited in a special account which shall be subject to audit, and used
26 for the operational expenses of the court or for the payment of clerical fees or other
27 similar expenditures as may be approved by the judge.

28 ~~(2) In lieu of the requirement to use the costs assessed in criminal matters for~~
29 ~~the operational expenses of the court pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection,~~
30 ~~all fines, fees, including probation fees, or costs of court assessed and collected by~~

1 ~~the City Court of Alexandria pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be~~
 2 ~~deposited in the general fund of the city of Alexandria.~~

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4 Section 3. Section 1 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2024.

5 Section 4. Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

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 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____