

ACT No. 64

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 202

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:1910.2, relative to fees imposed by the City Court of Hammond; to
3 authorize a fee to be collected by the City Court of Hammond; to provide for the
4 exclusive dedication of all monies collected; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:1910.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §1910.2. City Court of Hammond; judicial building fund

8 A. In all cases over which the City Court of Hammond has jurisdiction, the
9 court may impose a service charge not to exceed twenty dollars per filing. The fee
10 shall be paid to the clerk of court at the time of filing. The collection of the filing fee
11 shall be subject to the provisions of Code of Civil Procedure Article 5181 et seq.

12 B. In each proceeding where a fine is imposed or court costs are ordered to
13 be paid, a service charge not to exceed twenty dollars may be collected by the
14 appropriate entity, which shall be in addition to all other fines, costs, or forfeitures
15 lawfully imposed.

16 C. All monies collected in accordance with this Section shall be forwarded
17 to the court and placed in a fund dedicated exclusively to the acquisition, leasing,
18 construction, equipping, and maintenance of new and existing city courts and for the
19 maintenance and payment of any bond indebtedness on any such existing facilities.
20 "Equipping", as used in this Subsection, shall include all costs associated with new
21 and existing software and electronic case management systems for court use
22 including, without limitation, the acquisition, installation, training, maintenance,
23 professional technology services, enhancement and updating of software, systems,
24 and reasonably related services and equipment.

1 D. The court shall have control over the fund and all disbursements made
2 from the fund.

3 E. The court shall obtain prior approval of the local governing authority
4 within the territorial jurisdiction of the court, through the adoption of a resolution or
5 ordinance, before the fund is created and the fees authorized by this Section are
6 imposed.

7 F. No bonds or other obligations shall be issued or sold unless prior written
8 approval of the State Bond Commission is obtained.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____