

- (9) Department of Revenue.
- (10) Department of Children and Family Services.
- (11) Department of Transportation and Development.
- (12) Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.
- (13) Department of Agriculture and Forestry.
- (14) Department of Education.
- (15) Department of Elderly Affairs. (Effective upon abolition of one or more of the existing twenty departments in the executive branch or constitutional authorization for an additional department.)
- (16) Department of Insurance.
- (17) Department of Justice.
- (18) Department of Public Service.
- (19) Department of State.
- (20) Department of the Treasury.
- (21) Department of Veterans Affairs.

Proposed law requires the state and the departments listed in present law (R.S. 36:4(A)) to deposit an advance filing fee of \$200 to the 19th Judicial District Court.

Present law further provides that the attorney general may institute and prosecute any suit he may deem necessary for the protection of the interests and rights of the state without putting up security for costs, or any advance costs. It further provides that all costs for which the state may become liable shall be paid by the attorney general out of funds appropriated for that purpose.

Proposed law limits the application of present law with regard to the temporary deferral of court costs in suits filed in the 19th Judicial District Court to the state and its departments listed in present law (R.S. 36:4(A)). Proposed law also requires the state and the departments listed in present law to deposit an advance filing fee of \$200 to the 19th Judicial District Court. Further provides that if an opposing party condemned to pay temporarily deferred court costs fails to pay the assessed costs within thirty days of the judgment becoming final, the clerk of court may forward a certified copy of the recorded judgment to the office of debt recovery for collection. The office of debt recovery may collect any outstanding deferred court costs on behalf of the clerk of court.

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(Amends R.S. 13:4521(A)(1) and 5036; adds R.S. 13:4521(E))