

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 249

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Provides relative to the use of court costs and civil filing fees
in the City Court of Alexandria

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1875(12)(c) and to repeal Sections 2 and 4 of Act No. 121 of
3 the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, relative to court costs and
4 civil filing fees in the City Court of Alexandria; to provide for the use of court costs;
5 to provide for the repeal of certain sunset provisions; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

9 §1875. Compensation of city judges; particular courts

10 The judges of the following city courts shall receive the salaries provided in
11 this Section:

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13 (12)

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15 (c)(i) One-half of civil fees assessed and collected shall be used for the
16 operational expenses of the City Court of Alexandria and one-half thereof shall be
17 transmitted for deposit to the general fund of the Rapides Parish Police Jury.

18 (ii) The costs collected by the City Court of Alexandria in civil cases may
19 be used for supplementing the compensation of clerks and deputy clerks of court
20 paid by the Rapides Parish Police Jury, by mutual consent of the judge of the City

Court of Alexandria and the Rapides Parish Police Jury. The costs collected in civil cases may be used for the payment of stenographic, clerical, and other operational expenses of the court without the necessity of the consent of the Rapides Parish Police Jury.

(iii) The costs collected by the City Court of Alexandria in civil cases may be used for supplementing the compensation of clerks and deputy clerks of court paid by the city of Alexandria, by mutual consent of the judge of the City Court of Alexandria and the city of Alexandria. The costs collected in civil cases may be used for the payment of stenographic, clerical, and other operational expenses of the court without the necessity of the consent of the city of Alexandria.

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Section 2. Sections 2 and 4 of Act No. 121 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana are hereby repealed in their entirety.

DIGEST

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HB 249 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides for the use of costs collected by the City Court of Alexandria and repeals certain sunset provisions.

Present law provides that one-half of civil fees assessed and collected shall be 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.

Proposed law retains present law and also provides that the costs collected by the City Court of Alexandria in civil cases may be used for supplementing the compensation of clerks and deputy clerks of court paid by the Rapides Parish Police Jury, by mutual consent of the judge of the City Court of Alexandria and the Rapides Parish Police Jury.

Proposed law provides that the costs collected by the City Court of Alexandria in civil cases may be used for supplementing the compensation of clerks and deputy clerks of court paid by the city of Alexandria, by mutual consent of the judge of the City Court of Alexandria and the city of Alexandria.

Proposed law provides that the costs collected in civil cases may be used for the payment of stenographic, clerical, and other operational expenses of the court without the necessity of the consent of the Rapides Parish Police Jury.

Present law (Sections 2 and 4 of Act 121 of the 2023 R.S.) provides that on Jan. 1, 2026, present law shall terminate and be replaced by provisions of law that were in effect prior to

present law which provided that one-half of the civil fees assessed and collected shall be used for the operational expenses of the city of Alexandria, and one-half of the fees shall be deposited to the general fund of the Rapides Parish Police Jury.

Proposed law repeals Sections 2 and 4 of Act 121 of the 2023 R.S.

(Amends R.S. 13:1875(12)(c); Repeals §§ 2 and 4 of Act No. 121 of the 2023 R.S.)