

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 559

BY REPRESENTATIVE FISHER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:996.42(A), relative to court costs; to increase maximum filing
3 fees and court costs to deposit into the judicial expense fund for the Fourth Judicial
4 District; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:996.42(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §996.42. Judicial expense fund for Fourth Judicial District

8 A. In addition to all other fees or costs now or hereafter provided by law,
9 each clerk of court in the Fourth Judicial District shall collect from every person
10 filing any type of civil suit or proceeding, and who is not otherwise exempted by law
11 from the payment of court costs, a sum to be determined by the judges of said
12 district, sitting en banc, which sum shall not exceed ~~fifteen~~ thirty-five dollars,
13 subject, however, to the provisions of Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure, Article
14 5181, et seq. In all criminal cases over which the Fourth Judicial District Court has
15 jurisdiction, there shall be taxed as costs against every defendant who is convicted
16 after trial, or after he pleads guilty, or who forfeits his bond, a sum likewise
17 determined, but which shall not exceed ~~fifteen~~ thirty-five dollars, which shall be in

