

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 978

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:168(B)(1)(a), relative to the judicial district indigent defender  
3 fund; to provide an exception for municipalities with certain populations; and to  
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:168(B)(1)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §168. Judicial district indigent defender fund

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9 B.(1)(a) Every court of original criminal jurisdiction, except in the town of  
10 Jonesville, in the city of Plaquemine, and in mayors' courts in municipalities having  
11 a population of less than ~~five~~ nine thousand, shall remit the following special costs  
12 to the district indigent defender fund for the following violations, under state statute  
13 as well as under parish or municipal ordinance, except a parking violation. Except  
14 as provided in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, the sum of forty-five dollars shall  
15 be assessed in cases in which a defendant is convicted after a trial, a plea of guilty  
16 or nolo contendere, or after forfeiting bond and shall be in addition to all other fines,  
17 costs, or forfeitures imposed.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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