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## DIGEST

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Henderson

HB No. 52

**Abstract:** Requires the Traffic Court of New Orleans to tax as costs in all traffic violation cases, except parking, an amount not to exceed \$30, and requires that money to be transmitted to the judicial expense fund of the Traffic Court of New Orleans.

Present law authorizes all city courts in criminal matters, including traffic violation cases, to assess court costs in an amount not to exceed \$30 in addition to other fines and penalties.

Present law authorizes city courts, in addition to that \$30 fee, to assess \$15 as additional court costs in criminal matters if the office of the marshal has derived \$100,000 or more in revenues for the year 2004 and \$30 if the office of the marshal has derived less than \$100,000 in revenues for the year 2004.

Present law requires in all prosecutions in the Traffic Court of New Orleans, including all traffic violations other than parking, that there be taxed as costs against every defendant, who is convicted after trial or plea of guilty or nolo contendere or who forfeits his bond, the sum of \$5, which is in addition to all other fines, costs, or forfeitures lawfully imposed and which is transmitted to the clerk of the Municipal Court of New Orleans to be used by the court to defray its expenses.

Proposed law retains present law but provides for an additional court costs in an amount not to exceed \$30 and requires the monies to be transmitted to the judicial expense fund of the Traffic Court of New Orleans.

(Adds R.S. 13:2501.1(N))