

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 224

BY REPRESENTATIVE NOWLIN

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

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Increases court costs in criminal cases in the 10th JDC

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:996.22(A), relative to court costs in the Tenth Judicial
3 District Court; to provide for additional court costs in criminal matters; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:996.22(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
7 §996.22. Judicial Expense Fund for the Tenth Judicial District; established

8 A. In addition to all other fees or costs now or hereafter provided by law, the
9 clerk of court of the Tenth Judicial District shall collect from every person filing any
10 type of civil suit or proceeding, who is not otherwise exempted by law from the
11 payment of court costs, a sum to be determined by the judges of said district, sitting
12 en banc, which sum shall not exceed fifteen dollars, subject, however, to the
13 provisions of Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure, Article 5181, et seq. In all criminal
14 cases over which the Tenth Judicial District Court has jurisdiction, there shall be
15 taxed as costs against every defendant who is convicted after trial or after plea of
16 guilty or who forfeits his bond, a sum likewise determined but which shall not
17 exceed ~~ten~~ twenty-two dollars and which shall be in addition to all other fines, costs,
18 or forfeitures lawfully imposed. All sums so taxed and collected shall be transmitted
19 to the clerk of court for further disposition in accordance herewith.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases from \$10 to \$22 the amount taxed as costs against every defendant who is convicted after trial or after plea of guilty or who forfeits his bond in the 10th JDC.

Present law provides, in part, that in addition to all other fees or costs, the clerk of court of the 10th JDC shall collect from every person filing any type of civil suit or proceeding, a sum to be determined by the judges which shall not exceed \$15, and that there shall be taxed as costs against every defendant who is convicted after trial or after plea of guilty or who forfeits his bond, a sum which shall not exceed \$10 and which shall be in addition to all other fines, costs, or forfeitures lawfully imposed.

Proposed law retains present law except it increases from \$10 to \$22 the amount taxed as costs against every criminal defendant who is convicted after trial or after plea of guilty or who forfeits his bond.

(Amends R.S. 13:996.22(A))