

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 10<sup>th</sup> 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, except traffic  
15 violations, there shall be taxed as costs against every defendant who is convicted  
16 after trial or after plea of guilty or who forfeits his bond, a sum likewise determined  
17 but which shall not exceed ~~ten~~ twenty-five dollars and which shall be in addition to  
18 all other fines, costs, or forfeitures lawfully imposed. In all criminal cases involving  
19 traffic offenses pursuant to Title 32 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 over  
20 which the Tenth Judicial District Court has jurisdiction, there shall be taxed as court

1 costs against every defendant who is convicted after trial or after plea of guilty or  
 2 who forfeits his bond, a sum likewise determined but which shall not exceed fifteen  
 3 dollars and which shall be in addition to all other fines, costs, or forfeitures lawfully  
 4 imposed. All sums so taxed and collected shall be transmitted to the clerk of court  
 5 for further disposition in accordance herewith.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Increases court costs collected in criminal cases in the 10<sup>th</sup> JDC from \$10 to \$15 in traffic offense cases and from \$10 to \$25 in all other criminal cases.

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 collected 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 increases the amount collected as costs against every defendant who is convicted after trial or after plea of guilty or who forfeits his bond in the 10th JDC from \$10 to \$15 in traffic offense cases and from \$10 to \$25 in all other criminal cases.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Added a maximum of \$15 in court costs in traffic offense cases and increased the maximum from \$20 to \$25 in court costs in all other criminal cases in the 10<sup>th</sup> JDC.