

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 513

BY REPRESENTATIVE MORENO

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Provides for an increase in certain fees for the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:1595.3, relative to court costs and fees; to provide for additional court costs
3 for certain filings in the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court; to provide for the use of
4 additional funds; to establish a fee for the maintenance of the Orleans Parish Juvenile
5 Court facility; to provide for the creation of a fund to deposit certain fees collected
6 for the maintenance of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court facility; and to provide for
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 13:1595.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §1595.3. Fees; enumeration

11 A. In addition to all other fees or costs provided by law, the clerk of court
12 for the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court shall collect the following fees from every
13 person who is not otherwise exempted by law from the payment of court costs:

14 (1) For service of process within Orleans Parish, a fee of sixty dollars and
15 for service of process made outside of Orleans Parish, a fee of eighty-five dollars.

16 All fees collected pursuant to this Paragraph shall be expended by the Orleans Parish
17 Juvenile Court to defray the expenses associated with service of process.

18 (2) For filing and docketing each supplemental and amended petition, a fee
19 of one hundred ten dollars. All fees collected pursuant to this Paragraph shall be

1 expended by the court to defray the cost of processing supplemental and amended
2 petitions in the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court.

3 (3) For filing and docketing each petition for adoption, an increase of one
4 hundred twenty-five dollars. All fees collected pursuant to this Paragraph shall be
5 expended by the court to defray the cost of processing pleadings and the preparation
6 and activities associated with adoption cases.

7 (4) For filing and docketing each motion to terminate parental rights, an
8 increase of seventy-five dollars. All fees collected pursuant to this Paragraph shall
9 be expended by the court to defray the administrative and operational costs and the
10 clerk's processing costs associated with proceedings related to the termination of
11 parental rights.

12 B. In addition to all other fees or costs provided by law, the clerk of court for
13 the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court shall collect a fee of ten dollars from every person
14 filing any action, suit, motion, or rule to show cause on the docket of the Orleans
15 Parish Juvenile Court and who is not otherwise exempted by law from the payment
16 of court costs. All fees collected pursuant to this Subsection shall be deposited into
17 a special fund and used solely for the purpose of maintenance and upkeep of the
18 Orleans Parish Juvenile Court facility.

DIGEST

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HB No. 513

Abstract: Provides for additional court costs and establishment of fees in the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court.

Proposed law requires the clerk of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court to collect the following fees in addition to any other fees or costs from any person who is not exempt from paying court costs:

- (1) \$60 for service of process in Orleans Parish and \$85 for service of process outside of Orleans Parish.
- (2) \$110 for filing and docketing each supplemental and amended petition.
- (3) An additional \$125 for filing and docketing each petition for adoption.

(4) An additional \$75 for filing and docketing each motion to terminate parental rights.

Proposed law requires the clerk of court for the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court to collect a \$10 fee in addition to all other fees provided for in present law or proposed law from any person who is filing certain pleadings and not exempted from the payment of court costs to be deposited in a special fund to be used solely for the maintenance of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court facility.

(Adds R.S. 13:1595.3)