

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE BILL NO. 193

BY SENATOR AMEDEE

COURTS. Provides for a statewide increase in court costs in city, parish, district, appellate, and supreme courts. (2/3-CA7s2.1) (8/1/13)

1 AN ACT
2 To enact R.S. 13:126.1, 352.1, 841.4, 1213.3, 1912, 2157.1, 2500.4, 2520, and 2565, relative
3 to additional court costs or fees; to provide for additional fees or costs on writs and
4 appeals filed with the Supreme Court and all courts of appeal; to provide for
5 additional court costs or fees in all district courts, the New Orleans Civil District
6 Court, all city and municipal courts, the city courts of New Orleans, the municipal
7 court of New Orleans, the traffic court of New Orleans, and all parish courts; to
8 provide for the collection, disposition, and use of fees; and to provide for related
9 matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 13:126.1, 352.1, 841.4, 1213.3, 1912, 2157.1, 2500.4, 2520, and
12 2565 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 **§126.1. Additional fees; Judicial College**

14 **A. In addition to all other fees or costs provided for by law, the clerk of**
15 **the supreme court shall be entitled to collect one dollar for the initial filing in**
16 **all civil cases. This fee shall not include any writs or appeals filed in juvenile**
17 **and family cases.**

1 **B. All fees collected pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be**
 2 **deposited into a special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana**
 3 **Judicial College to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's**
 4 **general growth and program improvement strategies.**

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6 **§352.1. Additional fees; Judicial College**

7 **A. In addition to all other fees or costs provided for by law, the clerks**
 8 **of all of the courts of appeal shall charge and collect one dollar for the initial**
 9 **filing in a record of appeal or an application for writs in all civil matters. This**
 10 **fee shall not apply to any writs or appeals filed in juvenile and family cases.**

11 **B. All fees collected pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be**
 12 **deposited into a special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana**
 13 **Judicial College to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's**
 14 **general growth and program improvement strategies.**

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16 **§841.4. Additional court costs in civil and traffic matters; Judicial College**

17 **A. In addition to any other fees or costs imposed or authorized to be**
 18 **imposed and collected, the clerk of court of each district court shall demand and**
 19 **receive from each party liable for court costs the additional sum of one dollar**
 20 **for the initial filing in all civil and traffic matters. This fee shall not apply to**
 21 **juvenile and family cases.**

22 **B. All fees collected pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be**
 23 **deposited into a special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana**
 24 **Judicial College to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's**
 25 **general growth and program improvement strategies.**

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27 **§1213.3. Additional court costs in civil and traffic matters; Judicial College**

28 **A. In addition to any other fees or costs imposed or authorized to be**
 29 **imposed and collected, the clerk of court of the Civil District Court of New**

Coding: Words which are ~~struck through~~ are deletions from existing law; words in **boldface type and underscored** are additions.

1 Orleans shall demand and receive from each party liable for court costs the
2 additional sum of one dollar for the initial filing in all civil and traffic matters.

3 This fee shall not apply to juvenile and family cases.

4 B. All fees collected pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be
5 deposited into a special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana
6 Judicial College to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's
7 general growth and program improvement strategies.

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9 §1912. Additional court costs in civil and traffic matters; Judicial College

10 A. In addition to any other fees or costs imposed or authorized to be
11 imposed and collected, the clerk of each city or municipal court shall demand
12 and receive from each party liable for court costs the additional sum of one
13 dollar for the initial filing in all civil and traffic matters.

14 B. All fees collected pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be
15 deposited into a special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana
16 Judicial College to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's
17 general growth and program improvement strategies.

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19 §2157.1. Additional court costs in civil and traffic matters; Judicial College

20 A. In addition to any other fees or costs imposed or authorized to be
21 imposed and collected, the clerks of the city courts of New Orleans shall demand
22 and receive from each party liable for court costs the additional sum of one
23 dollar for the initial filing in all civil and traffic matters.

24 B. All fees collected pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be
25 deposited into a special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana
26 Judicial College to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's
27 general growth and program improvement strategies.

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29 §2500.4. Additional court costs in civil and traffic matters; Judicial College

1 A. In addition to any other fees or costs imposed or authorized to be
2 imposed and collected, the clerk of the municipal court of New Orleans shall
3 demand and receive from each party liable for court costs the additional sum
4 of one dollar for the initial filing in all civil and traffic matters.

5 B. All fees collected pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be
6 deposited into a special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana
7 Judicial College to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's
8 general growth and program improvement strategies.

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10 §2520. Additional court costs in traffic matters; Judicial College

11 A. In all prosecutions in the Traffic Court of New Orleans, including all
12 traffic violations other than parking, there shall be taxed as costs against every
13 defendant, who is convicted after trial or plea of guilty or nolo contendere or
14 who forfeits his bond, the sum of one dollar, which shall be in addition to all
15 other fines, costs, or forfeitures lawfully imposed.

16 B. All fees collected pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be
17 deposited into a special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana
18 Judicial College to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's
19 general growth and program improvement strategies.

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21 §2565. Additional court costs in civil and traffic matters; Judicial College

22 A. In addition to any other fees or costs imposed or authorized to be
23 imposed and collected, the clerk of each parish court shall demand and receive
24 from each party liable for court costs the additional sum of one dollar for the
25 initial filing in all civil and traffic matters.

26 B. All fees collected pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be
27 deposited into a special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana
28 Judicial College to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's
29 general growth and program improvement strategies.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Julie J. Baxter.

DIGEST

Proposed law requires an additional court cost or fee of \$1 to be collected for the initial filing in all writs or appeals filed in the La. Supreme Court and all courts of appeals relative to civil matters and further provides that the additional cost shall not apply to juvenile or family cases.

Proposed law requires for an additional court cost or fee of \$1 to be collected for the initial filing in all civil and traffic matters by the clerks of the following courts: all district courts, city and municipal courts, the city courts of New Orleans, the municipal court of New Orleans, the traffic court of New Orleans and all parish courts.

Proposed law requires each court to create a special account to deposit all collected fees and to transmit fees monthly to the La. Judicial College to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's general growth and program improvement strategies.

Effective on August 1, 2013.

(Adds R.S. 13:126.1, 352.1, 841.4, 1213.3, 1912, 2157.1, 2500.4, 2520, and 2565)