

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 on filings in the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court;  
5 to provide for the remittance of the fee to be used for the maintenance of the Orleans  
6 Parish Juvenile Court facility; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

9 §1595.3. Fees; enumeration

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

13 (1) For service of process in adoption cases within Orleans Parish, a fee of  
14 sixty dollars and for service of process in adoption cases made outside of Orleans  
15 Parish, a fee of eighty-five dollars. All fees collected pursuant to this Paragraph  
16 shall be expended by the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court to defray the expenses  
17 associated with service of process for adoption cases.

18 (2) For filing and docketing each supplemental and amended petition in  
19 adoption cases, a fee of one hundred ten dollars. All fees collected pursuant to this  
20 Paragraph shall be expended by the court to defray the cost of processing

1 supplemental and amended petitions associated with adoption cases in the Orleans  
2 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 in  
8 adoption cases, an increase of seventy-five dollars. All fees collected pursuant to  
9 this Paragraph shall be expended by the court to defray the administrative and  
10 operational costs and the clerk's processing costs associated with proceedings related  
11 to the termination of parental rights associated with adoption cases.

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 remitted by the  
17 clerk to the director of finance for the city of New Orleans to be used solely for the  
18 maintenance of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court facility.

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#### 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 all adoption cases 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 remitted by the clerk to the director of finance for the city of New Orleans to be used solely for the maintenance of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court facility.

(Adds R.S. 13:1595.3)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill.

1. Added provisions that all additional fees collected pursuant to proposed law shall apply in adoption cases to defray the costs associated with adoption cases.
2. Required the additional \$10 fee to be remitted by the clerk to the director of finance for the city of New Orleans to be used solely for the maintenance of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court facility.