

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

**SB 240 By Senator Murray**

**KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

COURTS. Prohibits reduction of local funding of the clerk of court's office of the Criminal District Court in Orleans Parish without consent of the legislature. (7/1/13)

**SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL**

1. Removes provisions imposing court costs, not to exceed \$100, upon any defendant who pleads guilty or is convicted of an offence in the Criminal District Court and for the deposit and use of funds collected.
2. Adds provision regarding the state's police power to mandate local funding of the office of the clerk.
3. Adds provision that prohibits reduction of funding by the city of New Orleans without consent of the legislature.

**DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

Proposed law provides that amounts paid by the city of New Orleans for expenses, including salaries and maintenance of constitutional officers, their deputies, subordinates, and employees, to adequately fund the office of the clerk of court of the Criminal District Court in Orleans Parish are necessary for the efficient performance of the powers and duties required of a judicial officer of the state and prohibits reduction of these amounts by the city of New Orleans without the consent of the legislature.

Provides that the legislature finds that state statutes mandating payment by the city of New Orleans to the state's employees and officers of the Clerk for the Criminal District Court for the parish of Orleans constitute a valid exercise of state's police power and do not violate the provisions of the Louisiana Constitution of 1921 or the Louisiana Constitution of 1974.

Provides that nothing in proposed law is to be construed as granting the city of New Orleans any rights, powers, authority, or jurisdiction over any constitutional officers, their deputies, employees, subordinates, or over any state or district officers, their deputies, subordinates, or employees.

Effective on July 1, 2013.

(Adds R.S. 13:1381.7)

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