

Prior law, relative to the Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans, provided that any defendant, other than an indigent, who pleads guilty or is convicted of an offense by the court shall be assessed costs of court not to exceed the sum of \$25, such costs to be in addition to any fine, clerk's fees or sentence imposed by the court. When any defendant, other than an indigent, fails to pay such costs, he shall be sentenced to a term of thirty days in the parish prison in default of the payment of same.

New law increases \$25 to \$100 and retains remainder of prior law.

Prior law also provided that in addition to other fines, costs, or forfeitures lawfully imposed, the court may impose an additional cost against any defendant who has been finally convicted of a misdemeanor, excluding traffic violations, or a felony. Such additional costs shall not exceed \$250 in the case of a misdemeanor nor exceed \$2000 in the case of a felony. All such sums collected shall be transmitted to the judicial administrator for disposition.

New law increases \$250 to \$500, and \$2000 to \$2500, and retains remainder of prior law.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 17, 2013).

(Amends R.S. 13:1377(A) and 1381.4(A)(2))