

SENATE BILL NO. 124

BY SENATOR MURRAY

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1377(A) and 1381.4(A)(2), relative to courts and judicial procedure; to provide relative to the Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans; to provide relative to the imposition of certain fees and court costs; to increase certain amounts; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 13:1377(A) and 1381.4(A)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1377. Court costs and clerk's fees

A. Any defendant, other than an indigent, who pleads guilty or is convicted of an offense by the Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans shall be assessed costs of court not to exceed the sum of ~~twenty-five~~ **one hundred** dollars, 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 the costs referred to hereinabove, he shall be sentenced to a term of thirty days in the parish prison in default of the payment of same.

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§1381.4. Judicial expense fund for Criminal District Court

A.(1) * * *

(2) In addition to all other fines, costs, or forfeitures lawfully imposed by this Section or any other provision, the court may impose an additional cost against any defendant who has been finally convicted of a misdemeanor, excluding traffic violations, or a felony. The additional costs authorized in this Paragraph shall not exceed ~~two hundred fifty~~ **five hundred** dollars in the case of a misdemeanor nor exceed two thousand **five hundred** dollars in the case of a felony. All such sums

1 collected shall be transmitted to the judicial administrator for further disposition in
2 accordance herewith.

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4 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
5 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
6 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
7 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
8 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____