
DIGEST

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Havard

HB No. 553

Abstract: Increases the maximum court costs for judicial commitment procedures when the costs are not paid by the respondent or the petitioner, but are paid from funds appropriated to the judiciary.

Present law provides, in a judicial commitment procedure, that reasonable compensation of the appointed examining physicians and all court costs shall be established by the court and ordered paid by respondent or petitioner in the discretion of the court. Present law further provides that, if it is determined by the court that the costs shall not be borne by the respondent or the petitioner, the compensation to the physicians and all court costs shall be paid from funds appropriated to the judiciary, but such court costs shall not exceed the sum of \$75.00.

Proposed law retains present law but increases the maximum costs from \$75 to \$125.

(Amends R.S. 28:54(D)(2))