

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 154

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

COURTS: Provides for a statewide increase in court costs in city, parish, district, appellate, and supreme courts

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:126.1, 352.1, 841.4, 1213.3, 1912, 2157.1, 2500.5, 2520, and 2565, relative  
3 to additional court costs or fees; to provide for additional fees or costs on writs and  
4 appeals filed with the supreme court and all courts of appeal; to provide for  
5 additional court costs or fees in all district courts, the New Orleans Civil District  
6 Court, all city and municipal courts, the city courts of New Orleans, the municipal  
7 court of New Orleans, the traffic court of New Orleans, and all parish courts; to  
8 provide for the collection, disposition, and use of fees; and to provide for related  
9 matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 13:126.1, 352.1, 841.4, 1213.3, 1912, 2157.1, 2500.5, 2520, and  
12 2565 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §126.1. Additional fees; Judicial College

14 A. In addition to all other fees or costs provided for by law, the clerk of the  
15 supreme court shall be entitled to collect fifty cents for the initial filing in all civil  
16 cases. This fee shall not include any writs or appeals filed in juvenile and family  
17 cases.

18 B. All fees collected pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be  
19 deposited into a special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana Supreme

1        Court to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's general growth and  
2        program improvement strategies.

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4        §352.1. Additional fees; Judicial College

5                    A. In addition to all other fees or costs provided for by law, the clerks of all  
6        of the courts of appeal shall charge and collect fifty cents for the initial filing in a  
7        record of appeal or an application for writs in all civil matters. This fee shall not  
8        apply to any writs or appeals filed in juvenile and family cases.

9                    B. All fees collected pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be  
10        deposited into a special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana Supreme  
11        Court to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's general growth and  
12        program improvement strategies.

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14        §841.4. Additional court costs in civil and traffic matters; Judicial College

15                    A. In addition to any other fees or costs imposed or authorized to be imposed  
16        and collected, the clerk of court of each district court shall demand and receive from  
17        each party liable for court costs the additional sum of fifty cents for the initial filing  
18        in all civil and traffic matters. This fee shall not apply to juvenile and family cases.

19                    B. All fees collected pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be  
20        deposited into a special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana Supreme  
21        Court to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's general growth and  
22        program improvement strategies.

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24        §1213.3. Additional court costs in civil and traffic matters; Judicial College

25                    A. In addition to any other fees or costs imposed or authorized to be imposed  
26        and collected, the clerk of court of the Civil District Court of New Orleans shall  
27        demand and receive from each party liable for court costs the additional sum of fifty  
28        cents for the initial filing in all civil and traffic matters. This fee shall not apply to  
29        juvenile and family cases.

1           B. All fees collected pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be  
2           deposited into a special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana Supreme  
3           Court to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's general growth and  
4           program improvement strategies.

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6           §1912. Additional court costs in civil and traffic matters; Judicial College

7           A. In addition to any other fees or costs imposed or authorized to be imposed  
8           and collected, the clerk of each city or municipal court shall demand and receive  
9           from each party liable for court costs the additional sum of fifty cents for the initial  
10           filing in all civil and traffic matters.

11           B. All fees collected pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be  
12           deposited into a special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana Supreme  
13           Court to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's general growth and  
14           program improvement strategies.

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16           §2157.1. Additional court costs in civil and traffic matters; Judicial College

17           A. In addition to any other fees or costs imposed or authorized to be imposed  
18           and collected, the clerks of the city courts of New Orleans shall demand and receive  
19           from each party liable for court costs the additional sum of fifty cents for the initial  
20           filing in all civil and traffic matters.

21           B. All fees collected pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be  
22           deposited into a special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana Supreme  
23           Court to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's general growth and  
24           program improvement strategies.

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26           §2500.5. Additional court costs in civil and traffic matters; Judicial College

27           A. In addition to any other fees or costs imposed or authorized to be imposed  
28           and collected, the clerk of the municipal court of New Orleans shall demand and

1 receive from each party liable for court costs the additional sum of fifty cents for the  
2 initial filing in all civil and traffic matters.

3 B. All fees collected pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be  
4 deposited into a special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana Supreme  
5 Court to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's general growth and  
6 program improvement strategies.

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8 §2520. Additional court costs in traffic matters; Judicial College

9 A. In all prosecutions in the Traffic Court of New Orleans, including all  
10 traffic violations other than parking, there shall be taxed as costs against every  
11 defendant, who is convicted after trial or plea of guilty or nolo contendere or who  
12 forfeits his bond, the sum of fifty cents, which shall be in addition to all other fines,  
13 costs, or forfeitures lawfully imposed.

14 B. All fees collected pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be  
15 deposited into a special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana Supreme  
16 Court to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's general growth and  
17 program improvement strategies.

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19 §2565. Additional court costs in civil and traffic matters; Judicial College

20 A. In addition to any other fees or costs imposed or authorized to be imposed  
21 and collected, the clerk of each parish court shall demand and receive from each  
22 party liable for court costs the additional sum of fifty cents for the initial filing in all  
23 civil and traffic matters.

24 B. All fees collected pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be  
25 deposited into a special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana Supreme  
26 Court to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's general growth and  
27 program improvement strategies.

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**DIGEST**

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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**Abstract:** Authorizes an increase of 50 cents in court costs for certain filings in all courts.

Proposed law requires an additional court cost or fee of 50 cents to be collected for the initial filing in all writs or appeals filed in the La. Supreme Court and all courts of appeals relative to civil matters and further provides that the additional cost shall not apply to juvenile or family cases.

Proposed law requires for an additional court cost or fee of 50 cents to be collected for the initial filing in all civil and traffic matters by the clerks of the following courts: all district courts, city and municipal courts, the city courts of New Orleans, the municipal court of New Orleans, the traffic court of New Orleans, and all parish courts.

Proposed law requires each court to create a special account to deposit all collected fees and to transmit fees monthly to the La. Supreme Court to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's general growth and program improvement strategies.

(Adds R.S. 13:126.1, 352.1, 841.4, 1213.3, 1912, 2157.1, 2500.5, 2520, and 2565)