

ACT No. 181

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 553

BY REPRESENTATIVE HAVARD

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 28:54(D)(2), relative to judicial commitment fees; to increase the maximum court costs for judicial commitment procedures when the costs are paid from funds appropriated to the judiciary; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 28:54(D)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§54. Judicial commitment; procedure

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(2) The respondent or his attorney shall have the right to seek an additional independent medical opinion, when necessary, in their discretion. If the respondent is indigent, this opinion may be paid for by the Mental Health Advocacy Service, upon the approval of its executive director. 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. If it is determined by the court that the costs shall not be borne by the respondent or the petitioner, then compensation to the physicians and all court costs shall be paid from

1 funds appropriated to the judiciary, but such court costs shall not exceed the sum of
2 ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred twenty-five dollars.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____