

**ACT No. 405**

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 154

BY REPRESENTATIVES LEGER AND WILLMOTT

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

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23 §352.1. Additional fees; Judicial College

24 A. In addition to all other fees or costs provided for by law, the clerks of all  
25 of the courts of appeal shall charge and collect fifty cents for the initial filing in a

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1 record of appeal or an application for writs in all civil matters. This fee shall not  
2 apply to any writs or appeals filed in juvenile and family cases.

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

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

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

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18 §1213.3. Additional court costs in civil and traffic matters; Judicial College

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

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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1           §1912. Additional court costs in civil and traffic matters; Judicial College

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

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

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11           §2157.1. Additional court costs in civil and traffic matters; Judicial College

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

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

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21           §2500.5. Additional court costs in civil and traffic matters; Judicial College

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

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

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1           §2520. Additional court costs in traffic matters; Judicial College

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

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

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12           §2565. Additional court costs in civil and traffic matters; Judicial College

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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