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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the Baton Rouge City Clerk of Court to collect a fee not to exceed ten dollars in civil and criminal matters to be used for the acquisition and maintenance of new and existing electronic case management systems.

Proposed law authorizes the clerk of the Baton Rouge City Court to collect an additional fee not to exceed \$10 in all civil filings, subject to the provisions of present law (C.C.P. Art. 5181), which provides an exception for those individuals who are unable to pay court costs due to poverty or lack of means.

Proposed law authorizes Baton Rouge City Court judges to assess an additional fee not to exceed \$10 against every defendant in criminal cases, including traffic offenses, who is convicted after trial or who pleads guilty or forfeits bond.

Proposed law requires the clerk to deposit all funds collected into a separate account (court technology fund) to be expended solely by the clerk for the acquisition and maintenance of new and existing electronic case management systems, including costs associated with professional services, licensing, support, and equipment for such systems, and for technology enhancements of court operations.

Proposed law requires the adoption of a resolution or ordinance by the local governing authority prior to the creation of the account and the collection of fees.

(Adds R.S. 13:2002.2)