

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 124

BY REPRESENTATIVE PUGH

COURTS/MAYORS: Requires certain fees collected in mayor's courts to be transmitted to fund law enforcement education and training

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:441(A)(1), relative to court costs assessed in mayor's courts;  
3 to require a portion of court costs assessed in mayor's courts to be used for law  
4 enforcement education and training; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 33:441(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §441. Mayor's court

8 A.(1) Except as provided in Chapter 7 of Title 13 of the Louisiana Revised  
9 Statutes of 1950, there shall be a mayor's court in the municipality, with jurisdiction  
10 over all violations of municipal ordinances. The mayor may try all breaches of the  
11 ordinances and impose fines or imprisonment, or both, provided for the infraction  
12 thereof. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the mayor may  
13 also impose court costs not to exceed thirty dollars for each offense, as defined by  
14 ordinance, on any defendant convicted of a violation of a municipal ordinance. The  
15 mayor ~~may~~ shall authorize that a portion of court costs assessed be deposited into a  
16 special account and transmitted to the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police to  
17 be used for law enforcement education and training as required by Louisiana law.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires the mayor to transmit certain court costs to the La. Association of Chiefs of Police for law enforcement education and training.

Present law authorizes a mayor to impose court costs up to \$30 for each offense on a defendant convicted of a municipal ordinance violation. Authorizes the mayor to transmit a portion of those court costs to the La. Association of Chiefs of Police to be used for law enforcement education and training.

Proposed law retains present law except it makes it mandatory, and not permissive, that the mayor transmit a portion of these court costs to the association for law enforcement education and training.

(Amends R.S. 33:441(A)(1))