

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 588

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT JOHNSON

REVENUE/TAXATION DEPT: Reduces the fee charged to the Department of Children and Family Services and district public defender's offices for each tax offset claim

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:299.5, relative to fees for offset claims; to provide for the fee  
3 for each offset claim charged to the Department of Children and Family Services; to  
4 provide for the fee for each offset claim charged to certain public defenders' offices;  
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 47:299.5 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §299.5. Procedure for making offset claims

9 A. Any agency making an offset claim to the secretary shall make the claim  
10 in writing to the office of the secretary and shall include with regard to each claim  
11 information required by promulgated rule and regulation of the secretary as provided  
12 for in this Part. Such writing shall also include a certification by the agency that the  
13 debts for which claims of offset are made are legally collectible, liquidated sums due  
14 and owing the agency or due and owing a person and collectible by the agency.

15 ~~The B.(1) Except as provided in Paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Subsection,~~  
16 ~~the~~ agency shall pay to the secretary a fee of twenty-five dollars for each offset  
17 claim.

18 (2) The Department of Children and Family Services shall pay to the  
19 secretary a fee of four dollars for each offset claim.

- 1                   (3) District public defenders' offices shall pay to the secretary a fee of four  
2                   dollars for each offset claim.
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## DIGEST

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HB 588 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Reduces the fee charged to the Dept. of Children and Family Services and the district public defenders' offices from \$25 for each tax offset claim to \$4 for each tax offset claim.

Present law provides a system to allow state agencies to make a claim of offset to the Department of Revenue against any tax refund amounts due to an individual for debts owed to the agency by the individual.

Present law further authorizes the Department of Revenue to collect a \$25 fee from an agency for each offset claim.

Proposed law reduces the tax offset claims fee charged by the Dept. of Revenue for tax offset claims from the Dept. of Children and Family Services and the district public defenders' offices from \$25 to \$4 fee for each offset claim.

(Amends R.S. 47:299.5)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to the original bill:

1. Change the fee charged for offset claims by the district public defenders' offices from \$25 to \$4.