

**ACT No. 197**

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 258

BY REPRESENTATIVE THIERRY

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:1000.12, relative to bench warrant fees; to authorize the collection of bench warrant fees in the Twenty-Seventh Judicial District Court for certain offenses; to provide for the collection and use of such fees; to restrict the number of recall fees imposed against any person; to provide for exceptions for an indigent person; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 13:1000.12 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1000.12. Twenty-Seventh Judicial District Court; additional warrant recall fees

A. The Twenty-Seventh Judicial District Court may levy and impose a warrant recall fee not to exceed fifty dollars on all persons who fail to appear as ordered on all felony offenses, misdemeanor offenses, and traffic offenses where a warrant for arrest is issued. This fee shall be in addition to all other fines, costs, or forfeitures lawfully imposed and which shall be transmitted to the clerk for further disposition in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

B. The clerk of court shall place all sums collected or received pursuant to this Section in a separate account. All monies in this account shall be used solely for the purpose of defraying the expenses associated with recalling warrants and for the operational expenses of the court.

C. No more than four warrant recall fees shall be imposed by each judge against any person pursuant to the provisions of this Section.

1                    D. In the event that an individual is unable to pay the cost when assessed, the  
2                    court may allow payment to be deferred within a certain time frame, based on the  
3                    person's ability to pay the costs.

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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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