
DIGEST

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HB No. 522

Abstract: Provides deadlines for submission of court cost proposals to the Judicial Council and provides that the review process for court costs and fees shall not apply to mayor's courts, magistrate courts, or justice of the peace courts.

Present law provides that no law to provide for a new court cost or fee or to increase an existing court cost or fee shall be enacted unless first submitted to the Judicial Council for review and recommendation to the legislature.

Proposed law provides that the request shall be submitted to the council by January 15th of the year in which the proposal is intended to be introduced in the legislature, and requires the council to notify the legislature of its recommendation as to whether the court cost or fee is reasonably related to the operation of the courts or court system, through the clerk of the House of Representatives and the secretary of the Senate, by March 15 of that same year.

Further provides that proposed law shall apply only to court costs or fees, or increases to an existing court cost or fee to be charged or collected by the supreme court, courts of appeal, district courts, city courts, parish courts, juvenile courts, family courts, traffic courts or municipal courts. The provisions shall not apply to mayor's courts, magistrate courts, or justice of the peace courts.

(Amends R.S. 13:62(A(2) and (B); Adds R.S. 13:62(C))