

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 16

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAY MORRIS

COURTS/MAYORS: Authorizes an increase in court costs for municipal ordinance violations in the mayor's court in the town of Sterlington

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:447.9, relative to the mayor's court in the town of Sterlington; to authorize  
3 an increase in court costs for violations of municipal ordinances; to provide for the  
4 allocation of additional funds; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 33:447.9 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §447.9. Mayor's court; town of Sterlington; additional court costs

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the mayor of the  
9 town of Sterlington may impose additional court costs not to exceed ten dollars for  
10 each offense, as defined by ordinance, on any defendant convicted of a violation of  
11 a municipal ordinance. Any additional amount in court costs collected pursuant to  
12 this Section shall be allocated to the Sterlington Police Department.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes an increase of \$10 in court costs for violations of municipal ordinances in the mayor's court in the town of Sterlington.

Present law (R.S. 33:441) authorizes a mayor, as the presiding officer of a mayor's court, to impose court costs, not to exceed \$30 for each offense, on any defendant convicted of a violation of a municipal ordinance.

Proposed law authorizes the mayor for the town of Sterlington to impose additional court costs not to exceed \$10 for each offense on any defendant convicted of a violation of a municipal ordinance.

Proposed law requires that the additional costs be allocated to the Sterlington Police Department.

(Adds R.S. 33:447.9)