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## DIGEST

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Johnson

HB No. 960

**Abstract:** Authorizes additional court costs for criminal matters in the 12<sup>th</sup> JDC (Avoyelles Parish) and 22<sup>nd</sup> JDC (St. Tammany Parish) to be used to defray costs of providing security and costs of the court respectively.

Proposed law authorizes the 12<sup>th</sup> JDC to assess an additional \$7.50 fee in all criminal cases, including traffic offenses against every defendant who is convicted after trial, pleads guilty, or forfeits bond.

Proposed law requires the clerk of court to place all sums collected into an account to be allocated to the Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Office to defray the cost of providing security and bailiffs to the 12<sup>th</sup> JDC.

Proposed law authorizes the 22<sup>nd</sup> JDC to assess an additional \$50 in all misdemeanor cases against every defendant who is convicted after trial, pleads guilty, or forfeits bond.

Proposed law requires the clerk of court to place all sums collected into the Criminal Court Fund for the 22<sup>nd</sup> JDC to defray the costs of the court.

(Adds R.S. 13:852 and 853)

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

### House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Added a provision to authorize the 22<sup>nd</sup> JDC to assess an additional \$50 in all misdemeanor cases against every defendant who is convicted or pleads guilty or forfeits bond and requires the funds to be deposited into the Criminal Court Fund for the 22<sup>nd</sup> JDC to defray costs of the court.