

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

COURTS. Authorizes additional court costs for criminal matters in the 12th Judicial District Court and the 22nd Judicial District Court.

DIGEST

Proposed law authorizes the 12th 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 further authorizes the clerk of court for the 12th JDC to collect an additional filing fee of \$10 for every civil filing.

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 12th JDC.

Proposed law authorizes the 22nd JDC to assess additional costs not to exceed \$50 in all criminal cases, including traffic offenses, against every defendant who is convicted after trial, pleads guilty, or forfeits bond.

Proposed law requires the sheriff to place all sums collected into the Criminal Court Fund for the 22nd 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 22nd 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 22nd JDC to defray costs of the court.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the reengrossed bill

1. Added a provision authorizing the clerk of court for the 12th JDC to collect an additional filing fee of \$10 for every civil filing.
2. Changes the types of cases that the 22nd JDC can assess the additional fee against from misdemeanor offenses to all criminal cases, including traffic offenses.
3. Changes the amount of additional fees assessed by the 22nd JDC from an additional \$50 to an amount not to exceed \$50.
4. Changes the entity who collects the additional fees assessed by the 22nd JDC from the clerk of court to the sheriff.