

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 112

BY REPRESENTATIVES HILL AND DANAHAY

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Authorizes any mayor's court within certain municipalities to increase court costs

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:447.11, relative to mayor's courts; to provide for additional court costs for  
3 violations of municipal ordinances and traffic violations in the mayor's courts in the  
4 municipalities of DeQuincy, Iowa, Vinton, and Westlake; to provide for the  
5 allocation of additional funds; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 33:447.11 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §447.11. Mayor's court; certain municipalities; additional court costs

9 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the mayors of the  
10 municipalities of DeQuincy, Iowa, Vinton, and Westlake may impose additional  
11 court costs not to exceed twenty dollars for each offense, as defined by ordinance,  
12 on any defendant convicted of a violation of a municipal ordinance or traffic  
13 violation, provided that fifty percent of any additional court cost collected pursuant  
14 to this Section shall be remitted to the Fourteenth Judicial District's Indigent  
15 Defender Fund.

16 Section 2. R.S. 33:447.11 as enacted by this Act shall be null and void on August  
17 1, 2016.

18 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
19 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
20 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
2 effective on the day following such approval.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes an increase not to exceed \$20 in court costs for violations of municipal ordinances and traffic violations in the mayor's courts of certain municipalities.

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 mayors for the municipalities of DeQuincy, Iowa, Vinton, and Westlake to impose additional court costs not to exceed \$20 for each offense on any defendant convicted of a violation of a municipal ordinance or traffic violation.

Proposed law requires that 50% of the additional costs be remitted to the 14th JD's Indigent Defender Fund.

Proposed law shall become null and void on Aug. 1, 2016.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 33:447.11)