

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 548

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COURTS/COURT COSTS: Provides relative to certain court fees for victims of domestic violence

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 46:2136.1.1, relative to court fees; to eliminate court fees for victims of
3 domestic violence in a specific instance; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 46:2136.1.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

6 §2136.1.1. Contempt of court; fees

7 When the victim of domestic violence fails to appear for the hearing on the
8 rule to show cause for a restraining order, the victim shall not be held in contempt
9 of court and assessed court fees upon a showing of good cause. Good cause shall
10 include but is not limited to the following:

11 (1) The victim is sick.

12 (2) The victim had to work.

13 (3) The victim could not find proper child care.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits domestic violence victims from being held in contempt of court or assessed court fees for good cause shown for failure to appear at a hearing for the rule to show cause for a restraining order.

Proposed law provides that when the victim of domestic violence fails to appear for the hearing on the rule to show cause for a restraining order, the victim shall not be held in contempt of court and assessed court fees for good cause shown, which includes the following:

- (1) The victim was sick.
- (2) The victim had to work.
- (3) The victim could not find proper child care.

(Adds R.S. 46:2136.1.1)