

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 249

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Provides for certain fees to be dedicated to the operational costs of the office of coroner in Concordia Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:5722(A)(2)(e), relative to court costs in Concordia Parish; to provide for  
3 an additional court fee in criminal matters in all courts in Concordia Parish; to  
4 provide relative to the coroner's operational fund; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:5722(A)(2)(e) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §5722. Coroner's Operational Fund established

8 A.

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10 (2)

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12 (e) In criminal cases, including traffic violations, in all courts in Concordia  
13 Parish, a fee of not more than five dollars may be imposed on every defendant who  
14 is convicted after trial or plea of guilty, which fee shall be used solely to defray the  
15 operational costs of the office of the coroner of the parish.

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17 Section 2. The imposition of court costs or fees as provided in this Act shall become  
18 effective on the date of Judicial Council approval; no fees shall be collected without Judicial  
19 Council approval.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 249 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Allows Concordia Parish courts to collect a fee of no more than five dollars in criminal cases which will solely be used to defray the operational costs of the office of the coroner of the parish.

Present law establishes the Coroner's Operational Fund and a criminal court fee on certain defendants dedicated to defraying the operational costs of the office of the coroner in the parish in which the conviction occurred. Provides for an additional fee in certain parishes for the support of the coroner.

Proposed law authorizes an additional fee of not more than five dollars on every defendant who is convicted in all courts in Concordia Parish which shall be used solely to defray the operation costs of the coroner's office.

Proposed law prohibits the collection of fees without Judicial Council approval.

(Adds R.S. 13:5722(A)(2)(e))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Change the fee from mandatory to permissive.