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Abstract: Provides relative to costs and attorney fees after an initial hearing in domestic violence cases.

Present law (R.S. 46:2136.1(A)) requires all court costs, attorney fees, costs of enforcement and modification proceedings, cost of appeal, evaluation fees and expert witness fees incurred in maintaining or defending domestic abuse cases to be paid by the perpetrator of the domestic violence unless the court determines that the petition was frivolous.

Proposed law changes present law and removes the costs associated with modification or maintaining proceedings concerning domestic abuse. Otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law (R.S. 46:2136.1(A)(2)) provides that after the initial hearing contemplated by R.S. 46:2135, all costs will be assessed as in any other civil proceeding and each party will be responsible for respective attorney fees.

(Amends R.S. 46:2136.1(A))