

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 449

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMANN

PROPERTY/EXPROPRIATION: Provides relative to expropriation

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 19:12, relative to expropriation; to assign court costs to an
3 expropriating authority; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 19:12 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §12. ~~Tender of true value refused; costs~~ Court costs; expropriating authority

7 ~~If the highest amount offered prior to the filing of the expropriation suit is~~
8 ~~equal to or more than the final award, the court may, in its discretion, order the~~
9 ~~defendant to pay all or a portion of the costs of the expropriation proceedings. All~~
10 ~~of the court costs actually incurred because of the expropriation proceeding shall be~~
11 ~~paid by the expropriating authority.~~

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires expropriating authorities to pay court costs of expropriation proceedings.

Present law (R.S. 19:12) provides that if the highest amount of compensation offered prior to the expropriation suit is equal to or more than the final award, the court may order the property owner to pay all or a portion of the costs of the expropriation proceedings.

Proposed law deletes present law and assigns court costs actually incurred to expropriating authorities.

(Amends R.S. 19:12)