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## 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)