
DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the maximum sum collected for the judicial expense fund in civil suits and criminal cases in the Fourth Judicial District Court (JDC) from \$15 to \$35.

Present law establishes the judicial expense fund for the Fourth JDC for expenses related to the proper administration or function of the court or the offices of the individual judges.

Present law requires that the judges of the Fourth JDC, sitting en banc, determine a sum not to exceed \$15 to be collected from a person filing a civil suit or proceeding and from any defendant who is convicted, pleads guilty, or forfeits his bond in a criminal case. Further requires that fees and court costs collected be placed in a separate account to be designated as the judicial expense fund for the Fourth JDC.

Proposed law increases the maximum sum collected in both civil suits or proceedings and in criminal cases from \$15 to \$35.

(Amends R.S. 13:996.42(A))