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## DIGEST

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HB 306 Engrossed

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Edmonston

**Abstract:** Provides relative to costs and fees in maintaining or defending 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 to provide for a reasonable attorney fee and to specify that evaluation fees be court approved. Otherwise retains present law.

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

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the original bill:

1. Modify present law to provide for a reasonable attorney fee and to specify that evaluation fees be court approved.
2. Remove the language that provides each party is responsible for attorney fees after the initial hearing.
3. Make technical changes.