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AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 887(F)(1), relative to court costs assessed against a defendant; to provide for the duties of the administrator of the Trial Court Case Management Information Fund; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 887(F)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Art. 887. Defendant's liability for costs; suspension of costs; no advance costs

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F.(1)(a) In addition to the costs provided in Paragraphs A, C, D, ~~and E G,~~ and H of this Article, a person convicted of a felony, a misdemeanor, or ordinance of any local government, including a traffic felony, a traffic misdemeanor, or a local traffic violation, shall be assessed an additional three dollars as a special court cost, provided that such additional cost shall be one dollar in mayor's courts in municipalities with a population of ~~two thousand or less~~; one hundred or less in the most recent federal decennial census. Such special costs shall be imposed by all courts, including mayor's courts and magistrate courts, shall not be suspended, and shall be used for implementation of the master plan for the development of a trial court case management information system and for the fast-tracked prototype development of the criminal disposition component ~~thereof~~ of the system in order

1 to define and meet the needs of clerks of court, trial court judges, law enforcement
2 and corrections officials, the supreme court, the legislature, and the general public,
3 for coordination with and implementation of related technology projects as provided
4 for pursuant to the authority of R.S. 39:100.211, and for the implementation of an
5 integrated juvenile justice information system for use in all courts exercising juvenile
6 court jurisdiction. The proceeds of the special cost shall be deposited in the state
7 treasury monthly on or before the tenth day of each calendar month.

8 (b) After compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of
9 the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund,
10 and prior to monies being placed in the state general fund, an amount equal to that
11 deposited in the state treasury, as required ~~above~~ in this Paragraph, shall be credited
12 to the special fund ~~hereby~~ created in the state treasury ~~to be~~ known as the Trial Court
13 Case Management Information Fund. The disbursement of the proceeds from the
14 fund shall be made on the warrant of the judicial administrator of the supreme court
15 drawn on the state treasury. The monies in this fund shall be used solely for the
16 purposes identified in this Paragraph, including necessary and associated
17 administrative expenses. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in this fund at
18 the end of the fiscal year shall remain in ~~such~~ this fund. All monies in this fund shall
19 be invested by the state treasurer in the same manner as monies in the general fund
20 with interest earned on the investment of these monies credited to this fund following
21 compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B), relative to the Bond
22 Security and Redemption Fund.

23 (c) The administrator of the Trial Court Case Management Information Fund
24 shall coordinate and cooperate with the Integrated Criminal Justice Information
25 System Policy Board to improve case management data-related systems. The
26 administrator may also coordinate and cooperate with the legislative auditor or
27 otherwise contract to investigate compliance with the obligations to remit costs
28 pursuant to this Paragraph. The trial court shall not waive, set aside, or redirect such
29 costs for any other purpose.

1 (d) The amounts authorized in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph may be
2 modified to account for inflation by considering the change, if any, in the Consumer
3 Price Index (CPI-U) as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau
4 of Labor Statistics, or its successor, since it was originally enacted; provided that any
5 modifications approved shall be made only in whole increments of fifty cents, any
6 subsequent adjustments shall be approved and calculated in the same manner by
7 measuring the inflation increase, if any, from the date of the immediately preceding
8 adjustment, and the total amount of adjustment pursuant to this Subparagraph shall
9 not exceed four dollars. Any modification pursuant to this Subparagraph shall be
10 implemented by the supreme court only after approval following a favorable
11 recommendation by the Judicial Council that it meets all applicable Judicial Council
12 guidelines.

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14 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____