

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law creates the La. Clerks' Remote Access Authority (LCRAA) to provide for infrastructure, governance, standard operating procedures, technology, and training to support a statewide portal for secure remote access to certain records maintained by its members.

Existing law authorizes LCRAA to provide assistance to members in procuring, implementing, enhancing, and maintaining technology-related equipment, supplies, and services; facilitating electronic transactions and communications; disseminating information to the public; and supporting operations during declared emergencies.

New law authorizes the La. Supreme Court and the courts of appeal to enter into cooperative agreements to develop a system that integrates all appellate courts with a statewide LCRAA electronic filing platform.

New law imposes an additional fee of \$5 for documents recorded in accordance with LCRAA. Provides for the clerk of court to retain 50¢ and the LCRAA to retain 50¢ of the additional fee. Requires LCRAA to remit the remaining funds from the collected fee to the Court Modernization and Technology Fund for the purpose of developing the statewide electronic filing platform.

New law requires LCRAA to provide a report to the legislature on the amount collected from the fee and the progress of the integrated filing platform. Further requires submission of the report no later than the start of R.S. 2028.

New law provides that imposition of the \$5 fee becomes effective on Jan. 1, 2027, and expires on Aug. 1, 2029, unless extended by the legislature.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 13:754(F)(3))