

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 298

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAROFALO

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Provides for court costs in St. Bernard Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5722(A)(2)(a), relative to court costs in St. Bernard Parish;
3 to provide for additional court costs in criminal matters in all courts in St. Bernard
4 Parish; to provide for the collection and use of the additional funds; and to provide
5 for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:5722(A)(2)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
8 follows:

9 §5722. Coroner's Operational Fund established

10 A.

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12 (2)(a) In criminal cases, including traffic violations, in all courts in St.
13 Bernard Parish and St. Martin Parish, a fee of not less than five nor more than ten
14 dollars shall be imposed on every defendant who is convicted after trial or plea of
15 guilty, which fee shall be used solely to defray the operational costs of the office of
16 the coroner of the respective parish.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for an additional fee of \$5 to \$10 to be collected in all criminal cases, including traffic cases, in all courts in St. Bernard Parish to fund the operations of the coroner's office.

Present law requires a fee of \$5 to \$10 to be collected in all criminal cases, including traffic offenses in St. Martin Parish, from every defendant who is convicted after trial or who pleads guilty or forfeits bond in addition to all other fines, costs, or forfeitures lawfully imposed to be used solely to defray the operational costs of the coroner of the parish.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the requirement to impose and collect the fees in St. Bernard Parish to defray the operational costs of the St. Bernard Parish coroner.

(Amends R.S. 13:5722(A)(2)(a))