

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 253

BY SENATOR MORRISH

FUNDS/FUNDING. Provides for an increase in certain criminal court costs in the Thirty-First Judicial District Court. (8/1/14)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:5722(A)(2)(d) and R.S. 15:571.11(A)(3) and to repeal R.S. 13:1000.7, relative to the Thirty-First Judicial District Court; to provide for an increase in certain criminal court costs; to provide for disposition of collections; to repeal nullified provisions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 13:5722(A)(2)(d) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§5722. Coroner's Operational Fund established

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(d) In criminal cases, including traffic violations, in the district court in Jefferson Davis Parish, a fee of not more than five dollars shall be imposed on every defendant who is convicted after trial or plea of guilty, which fee shall be used solely to defray the operational costs of the office of the coroner of the parish.

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Section 2. R.S. 15:571.11(A)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§571.11. Dispositions of fines and forfeitures

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(3) In addition to all the fines and forfeitures authorized under the provisions of this Subsection, in all criminal cases, including traffic violations, in the Thirty-First Judicial District Court an additional fee of not more than five dollars shall be imposed on every defendant who is convicted after trial or plea of guilty, which fee shall be deposited into the "Criminal Court Fund" to be used solely to defray the expenses of the criminal court system of the parish.

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Section 3. R.S. 13:1000.7 is hereby repealed.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jay Lueckel.

DIGEST

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Present law establishes the Coroner's Operational Fund and a criminal court fee on certain defendants dedicated to defraying the operational costs of the office of the coroner in the parish in which the conviction occurred. Provides for an additional fee in certain parishes for the support of the coroner.

Proposed law provides an additional fee of not more than five dollars on every defendant who is convicted in district court in Jefferson Davis Parish which shall be used solely to defray the operation costs of the coroner's office.

Present law provides relative to fines and forfeitures imposed by district courts and district attorneys for deposit into the "Criminal Court Fund" account to be used to defray the expenses of the criminal courts of the parishes.

Proposed law retains present law and provides for an additional fee of not more than five dollars on every defendant who is convicted in the Thirty-First Judicial District Court which shall be used solely to defray the costs of the criminal court system of the parish.

Proposed law repeals previously enacted court fees nullified by conditional effectiveness provisions.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 13:5722(A)(2)(d) and R.S. 15:571.11(A)(3); repeals R.S. 13:1000.7)