## DIGEST

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Garofalo HB No. 298

**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.

<u>Present law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> 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))