

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 234

BY SENATOR JOHN SMITH

COURTS. Provides for remission to Indigent Defender Fund of certain court costs in mayor's court of the Town of New Llano. (gov sig)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:448(D), relative to mayor's courts; to provide relative to court costs for municipal ordinance violations in the mayor's court of the town of New Llano; to provide for the remission of certain funds; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:448(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§448. Mayor's court; town of New Llano; establishment; jurisdiction; additional court costs

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D. In addition to the court costs authorized by R.S. 33:441, the mayor of the town of New Llano, as the presiding officer of the mayor's court of the town of New Llano, may impose additional court costs not to exceed ~~twenty~~ **forty** dollars for each offense, as defined by ordinance, on any defendant convicted of a violation of a municipal ordinance, **provided that ten dollars of any additional court costs collected pursuant to this Section shall be remitted to the Thirtieth Judicial District's Indigent Defender's Fund.**

1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor
2 or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law
3 without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the
4 Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by
5 the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument was prepared by Angela Lockett De Jean. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Kari B. Couvillon.

DIGEST

John Smith (SB 234)

Present law provides that in addition to the court costs authorized by present law, the mayor of the town of New Llano, as the presiding officer of the mayor's court of the town of New Llano, may impose additional court costs not to exceed \$20 for each offense, as defined by ordinance, on any defendant convicted of a violation of a municipal ordinance.

Proposed law increases the additional court cost not to exceed \$40 for each offense and provides that \$10 dollars of any additional court costs collected pursuant to present law shall be remitted to the 30th Judicial District's Indigent Defender's Fund.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 33:448(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the original bill

1. Increases the additional mayor's court costs in the town of New Llano from a maximum of \$20 to a maximum of \$40.