

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 258

BY REPRESENTATIVE THIERRY

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Authorizes the collection of bench warrant fees in the 27<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:1000.12, relative to bench warrant fees; to authorize the collection of bench  
3 warrant fees in the Twenty-Seventh Judicial District Court for certain offenses; to  
4 provide for the collection and use of such fees; to restrict the number of recall fees  
5 imposed against any person; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:1000.12 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1000.12. Twenty-Seventh Judicial District Court; additional warrant recall fees

9 A. The Twenty-Seventh Judicial District Court shall levy and impose a  
10 warrant recall fee not to exceed one hundred dollars on all persons who fail to appear  
11 as ordered on all misdemeanor offenses and traffic offenses where a warrant for  
12 arrest is issued. This fee shall be in addition to all other fines, costs, or forfeitures  
13 lawfully imposed and which shall be transmitted to the clerk for further disposition  
14 in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

15 B. The clerk of court shall place all sums collected or received pursuant to  
16 this Section in a separate account. All monies in this account shall be used solely for  
17 the purpose of defraying the expenses associated with recalling warrants and for the  
18 operational expenses of the court.

19 C. No more than four warrant recall fees shall be imposed by each judge  
20 against any person pursuant to the provisions of this Section.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the Twenty-Seventh Judicial District Court to impose a warrant recall fee not to exceed \$100 in certain cases and provides for the collection and use of such fees.

Proposed law requires the 27<sup>th</sup> JDC to levy and impose a warrant recall fee in addition to all other fines, costs, or forfeitures not to exceed \$100 on anyone who fails to appear on all misdemeanor and traffic offenses where a warrant for arrest is issued.

Proposed law requires all collected fees to be transmitted to the clerk for deposit into a separate account to be used solely for defraying the costs associated with recalling warrants and operational expenses of the court.

Proposed law restricts each judge from imposing more than four warrant recall fees against any person.

(Adds R.S. 13:1000.12)