
DIGEST

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HB 258 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Authorizes the Twenty-Seventh Judicial District Court to impose a warrant recall fee not to exceed \$50 in certain cases and provides for the collection and use of such fees.

Proposed law authorizes the 27th JDC to levy and impose a warrant recall fee in addition to all other fines, costs, or forfeitures not to exceed \$50 on anyone who fails to appear on all felony, 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.

Proposed law authorizes the court to defer payment within a certain time frame for an individual who is unable to pay costs when assessed.

(Adds R.S. 13:1000.12)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Add an exception which authorizes the court to defer payment within a certain time frame based on a person's ability to pay.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Change the collection of the fee by the court from mandatory to permissive.
2. Reduce the additional warrant recall fee from \$100 to \$50.
3. Extend the authority to collect the bench warrant recall fee to felony offenses.