

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 372 (HB 69)

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New law authorizes the clerk of the Baton Rouge City Court to collect an additional fee not to exceed \$10 in all civil filings, subject to the provisions of existing law, which provides an exception for those individuals who are unable to pay court costs due to poverty or lack of means.

New law authorizes Baton Rouge City Court judges to assess an additional fee not to exceed \$10 against every defendant in criminal cases, including traffic offenses, who is convicted after trial or who pleads guilty or forfeits bond.

New law requires the clerk to deposit all funds collected into a separate account (court technology fund) to be expended solely by the clerk for the acquisition and maintenance of new and existing electronic case management systems, including costs associated with professional services, licensing, support, and equipment for such systems, and for technology enhancements of court operations.

New law requires the adoption of a resolution or ordinance by the local governing authority prior to the creation of the account and the collection of fees.

Effective August 1, 2015.

(Adds R.S. 13:2002.2)