

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 361 (HB 627)

2016 Regular Session

Jackson

Existing law provides for a mayor's court in the municipality with jurisdiction over all violations of municipal ordinances. Existing law also provides that the mayor may impose court costs not to exceed \$30 for each offense on any defendant convicted of a violation of a municipal ordinance and may authorize that a portion of the court costs assessed be transmitted to the La. Assoc. of Chief of Police for law enforcement education and training.

New law authorizes mayors to impose additional court costs not to exceed \$20 for each offense, as defined by ordinance or traffic violation, on any defendant convicted of a violation of a municipal ordinance.

New law also requires that \$10 of such additional court costs collected shall be remitted to the local public defenders office.

Existing law allows the mayor to suspend the execution of a fine or imprisonment imposed for violation of a municipal ordinance and place the defendant on probation.

Existing law (R.S. 33:447.11) provides for the collection of additional court cost fees for mayor's courts in DeQuincy, Iowa, Vinton, and Westlake to be deposited in the 14th JDC's Indigent Defenders Fund. Prior law provided for a termination date of Aug. 1, 2016.

New law retains existing law but extends the termination date to on or after Aug. 1, 2020.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 5, 2016).

(Amends R.S. 33:441(A)(2) and (3) and §2 of Act No. 13 of the 2013 R.S.; Adds R.S. 33:441(A)(4))