
DIGEST

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HB 487 Engrossed

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Henry

Abstract: Provides a maximum amount of \$150 in filing fees that can be assessed by a clerk of court for state agency adoptions, waives all other fees and costs assessed or collected by clerks of court in state agency adoptions, and limits the service of process fee to \$30 for state agency adoptions.

Proposed law requires the clerk of court to charge a maximum filing fee of not more than \$150 for in-state adoptions.

Proposed law defines "state agency adoption" as an any adoption proceeding wherein the child to be adopted is in the legal custody of DCFS or the corresponding department of any other state.

Proposed law limits the service of process fee to be assessed on behalf of the sheriff's office for state agency adoptions to \$30 per petition.

Proposed law expressly waives all other fees and costs authorized to be assessed or collected by clerks of court in state agency adoptions notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary.

(Adds R.S. 13:844.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Make technical changes.
2. Change the proposed law term from "in-state adoption" to "state agency adoption" and provides a definition of state agency adoption.
3. Change the filing fee limitation from \$175 to \$150.
4. Limit the service of process fee assessed by the sheriff's office to \$30 per adoption petition for state agency adoptions.
5. Waive all other fees and costs authorized to be assessed or collected by clerks of court in state agency adoptions notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary.