

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 302 (HB 220)

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Muscarello

Existing law requires the clerk of city court, the marshal, or a private collection agency as authorized by contract with the municipal governing authority to collect all fines, forfeitures, penalties, and costs.

Existing law requires all funds collected, except for costs, to be paid into the city treasury when the prosecution is on behalf of the city and into the parish treasury to be deposited in the parish general fund when the prosecution is on behalf of the state or parish.

Existing law provides different methods for payment of fines and provides for a processing fee for certain transactions, which cannot exceed five percent of the amount of taxes and any penalties or interest paid.

Existing law further provides that the fee shall be in addition to the amount of the fines, forfeitures, penalties, or costs.

New law retains existing law and adds mayor's courts to the list of entities required to collect fines, forfeitures, penalties, and costs. New law also authorizes mayor's courts to accept such payments via credit card or electronic check, and to collect a processing fee consistent with existing law.

Effective August 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 13:1898(A) and (C))