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HB 249 Engrossed

2020 Regular Session

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Abstract: Allows Concordia Parish courts to collect a fee of no more than five dollars in criminal cases which will solely be used to defray the operational costs of the office of the coroner of the parish.

<u>Present law</u> establishes the Coroner's Operational Fund and a criminal court fee on certain defendants dedicated to defraying the operational costs of the office of the coroner in the parish in which the conviction occurred. Provides for an additional fee in certain parishes for the support of the coroner.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes an additional fee of not more than five dollars on every defendant who is convicted in all courts in Concordia Parish which shall be used solely to defray the operation costs of the coroner's office.

Proposed law prohibits the collection of fees without Judicial Council approval.

(Adds R.S. 13:5722(A)(2)(e))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Change the fee from mandatory to permissive.