

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 470

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. BLANC AND SENATOR ALLAIN

CORONERS: Provides relative to the Coroner's Operational Fund for St. Mary Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:5722(A)(2)(h), relative to courts in St. Mary Parish; to require an  
3 additional court fee in criminal matters in all courts in St. Mary Parish; to provide  
4 relative to the coroner's operational fund; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:5722(A)(2)(h) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §5722. Coroner's Operational Fund established

8 A.

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10 (2)

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12 (h) In criminal cases, including traffic violations, in all courts in St. Mary  
13 Parish, a fee of not less than five dollars nor more than ten dollars shall be imposed  
14 on every defendant who is convicted after trial or plea of guilty, which fee shall be  
15 used solely to defray the operational costs of the office of the coroner of the parish.

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17 Section 2. In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 13:62, the change in court costs  
18 or fees as provided by this Act shall become effective if and when the Judicial Council  
19 provides a recommendation that such court costs or fees meet the applicable guidelines in

- 1 its report to the Louisiana Legislature. No fees shall be imposed or collected without  
2 Judicial Council approval.
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## DIGEST

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HB 470 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Requires St. Mary Parish courts to collect a fee of not less than \$5 nor more than \$10 in criminal cases to be used solely to defray the operational costs of the office of the coroner of the parish.

Present law 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.

Proposed law authorizes all courts in St. Mary Parish to collect a fee of not less than \$5 nor more than \$10 for the support of the coroner.

Proposed law requires approval from the Judicial Council prior to proposed law becoming effective.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Make technical changes.
2. Require Judicial Council approval of the additional court fee.