

Regular Session, 2003

SENATE BILL NO. 253

BY SENATOR DARDENNE AND REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 1-C of Title 13 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 13:61, relative to court costs and fees; to provide that any new court cost or fee or increase in an existing court cost or fee first be submitted to the Judicial Council for review and recommendation; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Chapter 1-C of Title 13 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 13:61, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 1-C. STUDY OF COURT COSTS AND FEES

**Chapter 1-C is all new law.**

§61. Court costs and fees; submission to Judicial Council;  
recommendation

**R.S. 13:61 is all proposed new law.**

A. As used in this Section, the following words have the meanings ascribed to them unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) "Court cost and fee" means a cost or fee paid, or to be paid, by a person to the clerk of court or sheriff, or other law enforcement official responsible for receiving the payment of costs or fees collected as a part of the imposition or execution of a criminal sentence, in connection with the filing or processing of any civil or criminal matter,

or the filing or processing of any pleading in any civil or criminal matter or in connection with the imposition or execution of a sentence by a court having criminal jurisdiction, in a court of limited or general jurisdiction.

(2) “Court of limited or general jurisdiction” means district court, family court, juvenile court, city court, parish court, municipal court, mayor’s court, justice of the peace court, and traffic court.

B. No law to provide for a new court cost or fee or to increase an existing court cost or fee shall be enacted unless first submitted to the Judicial Council for review and recommendation to the legislature. A copy of the proposal for a new or increased court cost or fee shall be provided to the legislature, through the clerk of the House of Representatives and the secretary of the Senate, at the time it is submitted to the Judicial Council for review.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_