

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 60

BY REPRESENTATIVE GUILLORY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Authorizes an increase in court costs for municipal ordinance violations in the mayor's court in the town of Basile

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:447.8, relative to the mayor's court of the town of Basile; to authorize an  
3 increase in court costs for violations of municipal ordinances; and to provide for  
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 33:447.8 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §447.8. Mayor's court; town of Basile; additional court costs

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, if the local  
9 governing authority by ordinance authorizes an increase in court costs for the  
10 mayor's court of the town of Basile, the mayor of the town of Basile, as the presiding  
11 officer of the mayor's court of the town of Basile, may impose court costs not to  
12 exceed seventy-five dollars for each offense, as defined by ordinance, on any  
13 defendant convicted of a violation of a municipal ordinance. The court costs  
14 authorized by this Section shall be in addition to the court costs authorized by R.S.  
15 33:441.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes an increase of \$75 in court costs for violations of municipal ordinances in the mayor's court of the town of Basile.

Present law (R.S. 33:441) authorizes a mayor, as the presiding officer of a mayor's court, to impose court costs, not to exceed \$30 for each offense, on any defendant convicted of a violation of a municipal ordinance.

Proposed law provides that if the local governing authority adopts an ordinance to increase court costs, the mayor may then order an additional \$75 to be paid as court costs by any defendant convicted of a violation.

(Adds R.S. 33:447.8)