

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 553

BY REPRESENTATIVE FOIL

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

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Provides for a uniform fines and costs assessment form for criminal cases

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:848.1, relative to court costs; to require the use of a uniform assessment
3 form in criminal cases; to provide for the disbursement of funds collected; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:848.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §848.1. Criminal cases; assessment form; disbursement

8 Each court with original criminal jurisdiction shall utilize a uniform fines,
9 fees, costs, and assessment form approved by the Louisiana Supreme Court. The
10 form shall be known as the uniform fines and costs assessment form and all fines,
11 fees, costs, and assessments imposed on each defendant shall be recorded on the
12 form. The sheriff, clerk, marshal, or other agency or office whose duties include
13 receiving court fines, fees, costs, assessments, and forfeitures for courts within their
14 jurisdictions shall disburse all sums due on a monthly basis and shall provide an
15 itemized detail of the sources of the sums.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires each court having criminal jurisdiction to record all fines, fees, costs, and assessments on a uniform document in all criminal cases.

Proposed law requires each court having criminal jurisdiction to utilize a uniform fines and costs assessment form, approved by the supreme court, to record all fines, fees, costs, and assessments imposed on each criminal defendant.

Proposed law requires the person or agency responsible for receiving these funds to distribute them monthly with an itemized detail of the source of the funds.

(Adds R.S. 13:848.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill.

1. Changes proposed law ~~from~~ requiring the clerk of court for every court having criminal jurisdiction to utilize a specified form to requiring each court having criminal jurisdiction to utilize a specified form.