

SENATE BILL NO. 124

BY SENATOR MURRAY

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1377(A) and 1381.4(A)(2), relative to courts and judicial
3 procedure; to provide relative to the Criminal District Court for the Parish of
4 Orleans; to provide relative to the imposition of certain fees and court costs; to
5 increase certain amounts; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:1377(A) and 1381.4(A)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted to
8 read as follows:

9 §1377. Court costs and clerk's fees

10 A. Any defendant, other than an indigent, who pleads guilty or is convicted
11 of an offense by the Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans shall be
12 assessed costs of court not to exceed the sum of ~~twenty-five~~ **one hundred** dollars,
13 such costs to be in addition to any fine, clerk's fees or sentence imposed by the court.
14 When any defendant, other than an indigent, fails to pay the costs referred to
15 hereinabove, he shall be sentenced to a term of thirty days in the parish prison in
16 default of the payment of same.

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19 §1381.4. Judicial expense fund for Criminal District Court

20 A.(1) * * *

21 (2) In addition to all other fines, costs, or forfeitures lawfully imposed by this
22 Section or any other provision, the court may impose an additional cost against any
23 defendant who has been finally convicted of a misdemeanor, excluding traffic
24 violations, or a felony. The additional costs authorized in this Paragraph shall not
25 exceed ~~two hundred fifty~~ **five hundred** dollars in the case of a misdemeanor nor
26 exceed two thousand **five hundred** dollars in the case of a felony. All such sums

1 collected shall be transmitted to the judicial administrator for further disposition in
2 accordance herewith.

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4 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
5 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
6 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
7 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
8 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____