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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2015 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Leger to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 237 by Senator Murray

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, delete "1311" and insert "996.67(A), (B)(1) and (2), (C)(3) and (6) and
3 (D), 1311"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 3, after "2163," insert

6 "relative to courts and judicial procedure; to provide"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 1, line 7, after "Ville Platte;" insert

9 "to provide relative to the Civil District Court for the parish of Orleans; to provide
10 relative to the judicial building fund and certain powers, duties, terms, and
11 requirements;"

12 AMENDMENT NO. 4

13 On page 2, line 14, delete "1311" and insert "996.67(A), (B)(1) and (2), (C)(3) and (6) and
14 (D), 1311"

15 AMENDMENT NO. 5

16 On page 2, between lines 15 and 16, insert

17 "§996.67. Judicial building fund

18 A. Subject to the approval of the Judicial Council of the Louisiana Supreme
19 Court, the Civil District Court for the parish of Orleans and the clerk of court of the
20 Civil District Court for the parish of Orleans are hereby authorized to impose the
21 following additional costs of court and service charges provided for in Subsection
22 B of this Section in all cases over which the court has jurisdiction, until the bonded
23 indebtedness or lease obligation provided for in Subsection C of this Section is paid.
24 The costs and charges provided in Subsection B of this Section shall not apply to
25 cases involving juvenile and family matters. The costs and charges may be any
26 amount up to and including the maximum amount set forth and shall be imposed on

1 order of the judges en banc. Such costs and charges shall be paid to the clerk of court
 2 when the filing is made.

3 ~~B.(1) Until such time that public bids are let for the construction project~~
 4 Unless and until the condition in the following paragraph for an increase in the
 5 charges is satisfied, the amounts of the costs and charges which may be imposed
 6 shall be as provided in this Paragraph.

7 Service Provided	Amount of Cost Authorized
8 (a) Recordings	Up to thirty dollars per recordation
9 (b) Civil Filings	Up to twenty-five dollars per civil filing
10 (c) Jury Trials	Up to one hundred dollars per jury requested
11 (d) Class Actions	Up to one thousand twenty-five dollars per class 12 certified

13 (2) After public bids are let for the construction project or, alternatively, if
 14 the commission leases a privately constructed facility for use as a courthouse, then
 15 after execution of that lease agreement the amounts of costs and charges which may
 16 be imposed shall be as provided in this Paragraph.

17 Service Provided	Amount of Cost Authorized
18 (a) Recordings	Up to thirty dollars per recordation
19 (b) Civil Filings	Up to two hundred dollars per civil filing
20 (c) Jury Trials	Up to two hundred dollars per jury requested
21 (d) Class Actions	Up to two thousand fifty dollars per class certified
22 (e) All matters filed	Up to ten dollars per item filed into civil 23 suit record

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25 C.(1)

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27 (3) ~~Notwithstanding~~ If the new courthouse is located on property owned by
 28 the city of New Orleans and notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, issues
 29 regarding ownership and liability for maintenance and operation expenses of the new
 30 courthouse shall be provided for between the commission and Orleans Parish in a
 31 lease or sublease of the courthouse to the commission or by a cooperative endeavor
 32 agreement prior to the awarding of the contract for construction of the new
 33 courthouse.

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35 (6) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
 36 commission may pledge and dedicate the receipts of the courthouse construction
 37 fund for the payment of rent under a lease agreement or for the payment of any
 38 obligation, loan agreement, or other financing agreement in connection with the
 39 issuance of bonds or other evidence of indebtedness for the commission by the
 40 Louisiana Public Facilities Authority or the Louisiana Local Government
 41 Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority.

42 ~~D. If public bids are not let for the construction of a facility as provided in~~
 43 this Section by August 15, 2015, If by August 15, 2016, neither public bids have
 44 been let for construction nor a lease agreement executed for a privately constructed
 45 facility for use as a courthouse, then the authority provided in this Section to levy the
 46 additional costs and charges shall terminate and be null and void. Thereafter, no
 47 costs or charges authorized in this Section shall be imposed or collected. If the
 48 authority to levy such costs and charges terminates as set forth herein, all funds
 49 collected and deposited in the separate account as provided in this Section shall be
 50 used solely for capital improvements to the facility then housing the Civil District
 51 Court for the parish of Orleans.

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