

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 659

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

COURTS: Provides with respect to court costs

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1898(C), relative to the collection of certain processing fees;
3 to provide for a maximum processing fee for certain credit card payments; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:1898(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1898. Collection and disposition of fines, forfeitures, penalties, and costs in city
8 court

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10 C. The clerk of the city court or the marshal may accept payment by credit
11 card or electronic check for all fines, forfeitures, penalties, and costs. The clerk of
12 the city court or the marshal shall collect a fee for processing the payments in an
13 amount that is reasonably related to the expense incurred by the clerk or marshal in
14 processing the payment by credit card, not to exceed ~~five~~ twenty-five percent of the
15 amount of taxes and any penalties or interest being paid. The fee shall be in addition
16 to the amount of fines, forfeitures, penalties, or costs.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the maximum processing fee for payments by credit card the clerk of the city court or the marshal or a private collection agency is authorized to collect on all fines, forfeitures, penalties, and costs, from 5% to 25% of the amount of taxes and any penalties or interest being paid.

Present law authorizes the clerk of the city court or the marshal or a private collection agency as authorized by contract to collect all fines, forfeitures, penalties, and costs, and provides that all funds so collected, excluding costs, shall be paid into the city treasury or parish treasury, depending on whose behalf the money is being collected.

Present law authorizes the clerk of the city court or the marshal to accept payment by credit card or electronic check for all fines, forfeitures, penalties, and costs, and authorizes the collection of a processing fee not to exceed 5% of the amount of taxes and any penalties or interest being paid.

Proposed law retains present law but increases the maximum processing fee from 5% to 25% of the amount of taxes and any penalties or interest being paid.

(Amends R.S. 13:1898(C))