

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 124

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JUDGES/MUNICIPAL: Authorizes the use of certain civil filing fees to supplement salaries of certain court employees and judges and to purchase equipment and supplies

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2081.2(B) and to enact R.S. 13:2081.2(D), relative to the City  
3 Court of Monroe; to provide with respect to certain fees for civil suits and  
4 proceedings; to provide that such funds collected may be used to purchase supplies  
5 and equipment and to supplement the salaries of certain court employees and judges;  
6 and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 13:2081.2(B) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
9 13:2081.2(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §2081.2. Monroe; nonrefundable civil fee; assessment and disposition

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12 B. The clerk shall place all funds collected pursuant to this Section in a  
13 special account to supplement the operational expenses of the court. These funds  
14 may be used to supplement the salaries of clerks, probation officers, Families in  
15 Need of Services (FINS) officers, maintenance personnel, and judges, and for the  
16 purchase of equipment and supplies for the court. The expenditure of funds shall be  
17 at the sole discretion of the judges of the court. All funds shall be subject to and  
18 included in the court's annual audit. A copy of the audit shall be filed with the  
19 legislative auditor who shall make it available for public inspection.

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- 1           D. The total annual compensation paid to any judge of the Monroe City  
 2           Court, including salary and any supplemental pay as provided for in Paragraph B of  
 3           this Section, shall not exceed the amount of annual salary paid to district judges.
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### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides that certain fees collected in the City Court of Monroe may be used to purchase supplies and to supplement the salaries of certain employees of the court and judges.

Present law provides for a fee not to exceed \$10 to be collected in civil suits and proceedings. Requires the clerk to place these funds in a special account for operational expenses of the court.

Present law provides that the expenditure of these funds shall be at the discretion of the judge and shall be included in the annual audit, which shall be filed with the legislative auditor.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally provides that the funds may be used to supplement the salaries of clerks, probation officers, FINS officers, maintenance personnel, and judges. Further provides that the funds may be used to purchase supplies and equipment for the court.

Proposed law provides that the total annual compensation of judges of the Monroe City Court shall not exceed the amount of annual salary paid to district judges.

(Amends R.S. 13:2081.2(B); Adds R.S. 13:2081.2(D))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1.       Provided that the total amount of annual compensation of judges of the Monroe City Court shall not exceed the amount of salary paid to district judges.