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HOUSE BILL NO. 154

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

COURTS: Provides for a statewide increase in court costs in city, parish, district, appellate, and supreme courts

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:126.1, 352.1, 841.4, 1213.3, 1912, 2157.1, 2500.5, 2520, and 2565, relative
3 to additional court costs or fees; to provide for additional fees or costs on writs and
4 appeals filed with the supreme court and all courts of appeal; to provide for
5 additional court costs or fees in all district courts, the New Orleans Civil District
6 Court, all city and municipal courts, the city courts of New Orleans, the municipal
7 court of New Orleans, the traffic court of New Orleans, and all parish courts; to
8 provide for the collection, disposition, and use of fees; and to provide for related
9 matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 13:126.1, 352.1, 841.4, 1213.3, 1912, 2157.1, 2500.5, 2520, and
12 2565 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §126.1. Additional fees; Judicial College

14 A. In addition to all other fees or costs provided for by law, the clerk of the
15 supreme court shall be entitled to collect fifty cents for the initial filing in all civil
16 cases. This fee shall not include any writs or appeals filed in juvenile and family
17 cases.

18 B. All fees collected pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be
19 deposited into a special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana Supreme

1 Court to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's general growth and
2 program improvement strategies.

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4 §352.1. Additional fees; Judicial College

5 A. In addition to all other fees or costs provided for by law, the clerks of all
6 of the courts of appeal shall charge and collect fifty cents for the initial filing in a
7 record of appeal or an application for writs in all civil matters. This fee shall not
8 apply to any writs or appeals filed in juvenile and family cases.

9 B. All fees collected pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be
10 deposited into a special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana Supreme
11 Court to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's general growth and
12 program improvement strategies.

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14 §841.4. Additional court costs in civil and traffic matters; Judicial College

15 A. In addition to any other fees or costs imposed or authorized to be imposed
16 and collected, the clerk of court of each district court shall demand and receive from
17 each party liable for court costs the additional sum of fifty cents for the initial filing
18 in all civil and traffic matters. This fee shall not apply to juvenile and family cases.

19 B. All fees collected pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be
20 deposited into a special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana Supreme
21 Court to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's general growth and
22 program improvement strategies.

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24 §1213.3. Additional court costs in civil and traffic matters; Judicial College

25 A. In addition to any other fees or costs imposed or authorized to be imposed
26 and collected, the clerk of court of the Civil District Court of New Orleans shall
27 demand and receive from each party liable for court costs the additional sum of fifty
28 cents for the initial filing in all civil and traffic matters. This fee shall not apply to
29 juvenile and family cases.

1 B. All fees collected pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be
2 deposited into a special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana Supreme
3 Court to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's general growth and
4 program improvement strategies.

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6 §1912. Additional court costs in civil and traffic matters; Judicial College

7 A. In addition to any other fees or costs imposed or authorized to be imposed
8 and collected, the clerk of each city or municipal court shall demand and receive
9 from each party liable for court costs the additional sum of fifty cents for the initial
10 filing in all civil and traffic matters.

11 B. All fees collected pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be
12 deposited into a special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana Supreme
13 Court to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's general growth and
14 program improvement strategies.

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16 §2157.1. Additional court costs in civil and traffic matters; Judicial College

17 A. In addition to any other fees or costs imposed or authorized to be imposed
18 and collected, the clerks of the city courts of New Orleans shall demand and receive
19 from each party liable for court costs the additional sum of fifty cents for the initial
20 filing in all civil and traffic matters.

21 B. All fees collected pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be
22 deposited into a special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana Supreme
23 Court to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's general growth and
24 program improvement strategies.

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26 §2500.5. Additional court costs in civil and traffic matters; Judicial College

27 A. In addition to any other fees or costs imposed or authorized to be imposed
28 and collected, the clerk of the municipal court of New Orleans shall demand and

1 receive from each party liable for court costs the additional sum of fifty cents for the
2 initial filing in all civil and traffic matters.

3 B. All fees collected pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be
4 deposited into a special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana Supreme
5 Court to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's general growth and
6 program improvement strategies.

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8 §2520. Additional court costs in traffic matters; Judicial College

9 A. In all prosecutions in the Traffic Court of New Orleans, including all
10 traffic violations other than parking, there shall be taxed as costs against every
11 defendant, who is convicted after trial or plea of guilty or nolo contendere or who
12 forfeits his bond, the sum of fifty cents, which shall be in addition to all other fines,
13 costs, or forfeitures lawfully imposed.

14 B. All fees collected pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be
15 deposited into a special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana Supreme
16 Court to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's general growth and
17 program improvement strategies.

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19 §2565. Additional court costs in civil and traffic matters; Judicial College

20 A. In addition to any other fees or costs imposed or authorized to be imposed
21 and collected, the clerk of each parish court shall demand and receive from each
22 party liable for court costs the additional sum of fifty cents for the initial filing in all
23 civil and traffic matters.

24 B. All fees collected pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be
25 deposited into a special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana Supreme
26 Court to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's general growth and
27 program improvement strategies.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes an increase of 50 cents in court costs for certain filings in all courts.

Proposed law requires an additional court cost or fee of 50 cents to be collected for the initial filing in all writs or appeals filed in the La. Supreme Court and all courts of appeals relative to civil matters and further provides that the additional cost shall not apply to juvenile or family cases.

Proposed law requires for an additional court cost or fee of 50 cents to be collected for the initial filing in all civil and traffic matters by the clerks of the following courts: all district courts, city and municipal courts, the city courts of New Orleans, the municipal court of New Orleans, the traffic court of New Orleans, and all parish courts.

Proposed law requires each court to create a special account to deposit all collected fees and to transmit fees monthly to the La. Supreme Court to defray the costs associated with the Judicial College's general growth and program improvement strategies.

(Adds R.S. 13:126.1, 352.1, 841.4, 1213.3, 1912, 2157.1, 2500.5, 2520, and 2565)