

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 470

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIGUEZ

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Provides for an increase in court costs for the Sixteenth Judicial District Court's Judicial Expense Fund

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:996.37(A), relative to additional court costs or fees; to  
3 provide for an increase in court costs or fees for the judicial expense fund of the  
4 Sixteenth Judicial District Court; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:996.37(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §996.37. Judicial expense fund for Sixteenth Judicial District

8 A. In addition to all other fees or costs now or hereafter provided by law,  
9 each clerk of court in the Sixteenth Judicial District shall collect from every person  
10 filing any type of civil suit or proceeding and who is not otherwise exempted by law  
11 from the payment of court costs a sum to be determined by the judges of ~~said~~ the  
12 district, sitting en banc, which sum shall not exceed ~~fifteen~~ thirty-five dollars,  
13 subject, however, to the provisions of Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure; Article  
14 5181, et seq. In all criminal cases over which the Sixteenth Judicial District Court  
15 has jurisdiction, there shall be taxed as costs against every defendant who is  
16 convicted after trial or after he pleads guilty or who forfeits his bond a sum likewise  
17 determined, but which shall not exceed ~~five~~ twenty-five dollars, which shall be in  
18 addition to all other fines, costs, or forfeitures lawfully imposed, and which shall be  
19 transmitted to the ~~said~~ clerk for further disposition in accordance herewith.

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DIGEST

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HB 470 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides for an increase in court costs or fees for the Sixteenth Judicial District Court's judicial expense fund from \$15 to \$35 in civil cases and from \$5 to \$25 in criminal cases.

Present law requires the clerk for the 16<sup>th</sup> JDC to collect additional fees as determined by the judges sitting en banc, not to exceed \$15 from every person filing any type of civil suit or proceeding and a fee not to exceed \$5 against every defendant who is convicted after trial or after he pleads guilty or who forfeits bond.

Proposed law retains present law but increases the fee limits from \$15 to \$35 in the civil cases and from \$5 to \$25 in all criminal cases.

(Amends R.S. 13:996.37(A))