

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 51

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Increases the fees for the Alexandria City Marshal in criminal matters

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2090, relative to the marshal of the city court of Alexandria;
3 to authorize the city marshal to collect an appearance bond fee; to provide relative
4 to the city marshal's general fund; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:2090 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §2090. ~~Alexandria, deputy marshal~~ Alexandria; marshal; fees in criminal matters;
9 deputy marshal

10 A. The marshal of the city court of Alexandria shall collect a fee of thirty
11 dollars for taking an appearance bond when required to do so.

12 B. The sums of monies collected under the provisions of Subsection A shall
13 be deposited in the marshal's general fund to supplement the operational expenses
14 of the marshal's office. The expenditure of the funds shall be at the sole discretion
15 of the marshal of the court. All funds shall be subject to and included in the
16 marshal's annual audit. A copy of the audit shall be filed with the legislative auditor
17 who shall make it available for public inspection.

18 C. The assessment and disposition of any funds pursuant to this Section shall
19 not affect responsibilities of the city and parish governing authorities provided by
20 law for the financing of the marshal's office of the Alexandria City Court.

1 D. The marshal of the city court of Alexandria, with the approval of the
2 judge of the city court of Alexandria, is authorized to employ a deputy marshal at an
3 annual minimum salary of three thousand dollars, to be paid monthly on his own
4 warrant in equal proportions by the city of Alexandria and the parish of Rapides.

5 Section 2. In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 13:62, the change in court costs
6 or fees as provided by this Act shall become effective if and when the Judicial Council
7 provides a recommendation that such court costs or fees meet the applicable guidelines in
8 its report to the Louisiana Legislature. No fees shall be imposed or collected without
9 Judicial Council approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the marshal of the city court of Alexandria to collect an appearance bond fee.

Present law provides for the collection of marshals' fees and costs in criminal matters in certain city courts.

Present law (R.S. 13:2074.4) authorizes the city marshal of Hammond to collect a fee of \$20 for taking an appearance bond.

Proposed law authorizes the city marshal of Alexandria to collect a fee of \$30 for taking an appearance bond in order to supplement the operational expenses of the marshal's office.

Proposed law becomes effective upon Judicial Council approval.

(Amends R.S. 13:2090)