2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 763

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Provides relative to the deferment of and exemption from payment of court costs by the state and its political subdivisions

1	AN ACT
2	To repeal R.S. 13:1834(B) and 4521 and R.S. 40:31, relative to the payment of court costs;
3	to repeal provisions for the deferment of or exemption from the payment of court
4	costs by the state and its political subdivisions; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 13:1834(B) and 4521 are hereby repealed in their entirety.
7	Section 2. R.S. 40:31 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Repeals provisions for deferment of or exemption from the payment of court costs by the state and its political subdivisions.

<u>Present law</u> exempts the Louisiana Department of Health from the payment of all costs of court and stenographers fees in any suit in which it is a party.

Present law prohibits the assessment of court fees, costs, or expenses against the state.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the state, any political subdivision, and any agent, officer, or employee of any such governmental entity to temporary defer court costs. Additionally, neither the Department of Children and Family Services nor any district attorney's office is required to pay court costs in any child welfare proceeding instituted by such department or district attorney's office. <u>Proposed law</u> repeals provisions for the deferment of or exemption from the payment of court costs by the state or any department, board, commission, agency, or political subdivision.

(Repeals R.S.13:1834(B) and 4521 and R.S. 40:31)