

SENATE BILL NO. 145

BY SENATOR ROBERT MILLS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:970(K) and (L), relative to the Twenty-sixth Judicial District
3 Court; to provide relative to filing fees; to authorize the clerk of court to collect filing
4 fees as determined by the judges of the district; to provide relative to transcription
5 charges; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:970(K) and (L) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
8 follows:

9 §970. Court reporter for Twenty-sixth Judicial District for Webster Parish

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11 K.(1) The clerk of court of the Twenty-sixth Judicial District Court for the
12 Parish parish of Webster shall ~~, in addition to the filing fees authorized by law,~~
13 ~~collect from any person filing any type of suit or proceeding, intervention, or third~~
14 ~~party demand, the following amounts, which~~ collect from every person filing any
15 type of civil suit or proceeding, who is not otherwise exempted by law from the
16 payment of court costs or subject to the provisions of Louisiana Code of Civil
17 Procedure Article 5181 et seq., a fee to be determined by the judges of the
18 district, sitting en banc, which shall not exceed fifteen dollars. The fee shall be
19 maintained by him in a special account designated as the clerk of court's reporter's
20 fund.

21 ~~(1) In each suit in which the demand is for five thousand dollars or more the~~
22 ~~fee shall be fifteen dollars.~~

1 ~~(2) In each suit for divorce, partition, injunction, separation of property, child~~
2 ~~custody, receivership proceedings, concursus proceedings, money demands of one~~
3 ~~thousand dollars or more and less than five thousand dollars, and money demands~~
4 ~~irrespective of amount involved when accompanied by a conservatory writ the fee~~
5 ~~shall be ten dollars.~~

6 ~~(3) Money demands of more than five hundred dollars and less than one~~
7 ~~thousand dollars, probate proceedings, adoptions, tutorships and interdictions the fee~~
8 ~~shall be five dollars for each suit.~~

9 ~~(4) Money demands of five hundred dollars or less, and in all other cases not~~
10 ~~enumerated herein the fee shall be three dollars.~~

11 ~~(5)~~**(2)** No deposit shall be required in forma pauperis cases, but the clerk of
12 court may test by rule the plaintiff's right to the benefits of Articles 5181 through
13 5188 of the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure and of R.S. 13:4529.

14 ~~(6)~~**(3)** The clerk of the district court shall deduct ten percent of all sums
15 collected hereunder as compensation for his services at the end of each month and
16 remit the remainder thereof to the Webster Parish Police Jury for deposit into the
17 court reporter's fund with full accounting of all receipts for the period covered by
18 such remittance.

19 ~~(7) The amount to be collected by the clerk of the district court for the~~
20 ~~Twenty-Sixth Judicial District for the parish of Webster in addition to the filing fees~~
21 ~~authorized by law may be increased or decreased by the senior judge upon the~~
22 ~~approval of the Webster Parish Police Jury and the Webster Parish Bar Association.~~

23 L. Additionally, in civil and criminal cases the Webster Parish Police Jury
24 shall be paid two dollars and fifty cents per thirty-one-line legal size page and fifty
25 cents per page for copies for all testimony transcribed by the court reporters. ~~In civil~~
26 ~~appeals cases, the two dollar and fifty cent per page transcription charge applies for~~
27 ~~transcriptions in excess of three hundred fifty pages.~~ This charge shall be taxable as
28 court costs and shall be advanced to the court reporter assigned to the case for
29 delivery to the Webster Parish Police Jury for deposit in the clerk of court reporter's
30 fund.

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Section 2. The imposition of court costs or fees as provided in this Act shall become effective on the date of Judicial Council approval; no fee amounts provided for in this Act shall be collected without Judicial Council approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____