

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 173

BY SENATOR MURRAY

COURTS. Provides relative to the Traffic Court of New Orleans. (8/1/12)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2519(B) and to repeal R.S. 13:2501.1(J), 2502, 2503, 2504, 2504.1, 2505(A), 2508, 2510, 2511, 2517, and 2518, relative to the Traffic Court of New Orleans; to repeal provisions relative to certain multiple misdemeanors or ordinance violations; to repeal provisions relative to certain judicial employees and their compensation; to repeal provisions relative to certain fidelity bonds; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 13:2519(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2519. Procedure for granting probation to convicted defendants in Municipal and

Traffic Courts of New Orleans

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B. During the period of probation the defendant may be compelled to report periodically to the court. ~~Reasonable bail with good and solvent surety may be required of the defendant during the period of probation in a sum not to exceed five hundred dollars.~~

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1 Section 2. R.S. 13:2501.1(J), 2502, 2503, 2504, 2504.1, 2505(A), 2508, 2510, 2511,
2 2517, and 2518 are hereby repealed.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cathy R. Wells.

DIGEST

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Present law authorizes judges to require bail of not more than \$500 during a defendant's probation period.

Proposed law removes such authorization.

Present law provides that whenever two or more misdemeanors or ordinance violations are joined by affidavit or information for trial in the Traffic Court of New Orleans, the maximum aggregate penalty that may be imposed will not exceed a fine of \$500 or imprisonment for six months, or both.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law sets the compensation paid by the city of New Orleans to clerks of traffic court, minute clerks, stenographers, and criers who are appointed by a judge of that court.

Proposed law repeals such compensation requirements.

Present law authorizes the clerk of the traffic court to appoint deputy clerks, assistants, other employees of the clerk's office as may be necessary for the proper functioning of the office and violations bureau. Present law further sets the compensation to be paid to such employees appointed by the clerk.

Proposed law repeals authorization for such appointments and compensation paid to such positions.

Present law requires fidelity bonds for certain traffic court employees.

Proposed law repeals such requirement.

Present law requires all employees of the traffic court, except the clerk of court, and the minute clerks and stenographers of the judge or judges be placed in the classified civil service system effective August 1, 1961. Present law further requires any employee hired or terminated by the clerk of court after August 1, 1961, be done in accordance with applicable civil service regulations.

Present law requires employees of the traffic court who are appointed by the judges to be unclassified employees.

Proposed law repeals such requirements.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 13:2519(B); repeals R.S. 13:2501.1(J), 2502, 2503, 2504, 2504.1, 2505(A), 2508, 2510, 2511, 2517, and 2518)