

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 621

BY SENATOR MURRAY

CIVIL PROCEDURE. To provide relative to the Municipal Court of New Orleans. (8/1/12)

1 AN ACT
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2497 and 2500.2(A)(1), to provide relative to courts and
3 judicial procedures; to provide relative to the Municipal Court of New Orleans; to
4 provide relative to certain court fees and salaries; to remove reference to specific
5 dollar amounts of salaries for certain deputy clerks of the Municipal Court of New
6 Orleans; to provide for an increase in certain fees collected by the Municipal Court
7 of New Orleans; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 13:2497 and 2500.2(A)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
10 as follows:

11 §2497. Deputy clerks; appointment; salaries; removal

12 The clerk of the municipal court of New Orleans shall appoint such deputies,
13 assistants and employees as the legislature may provide. There shall not be less than
14 twenty deputy clerks and other employees of the court, ~~and their salaries and manner~~
15 ~~of appointment and removal shall be as hereinafter designated.~~

16 ~~The following named deputy clerks of the municipal court of New Orleans~~
17 ~~shall be appointed by the chief clerk of the court, who may remove any of them at~~

Present law provides that in Municipal Court of New Orleans cases in which a defendant is convicted after trial or after he pleads guilty or who forfeits his bond, the Municipal Court of New Orleans shall tax as costs a nonrefundable sum of \$15, which shall be in addition to all other fines, costs or forfeitures lawfully imposed.

Proposed law provides that in cases of their jurisdiction, the Municipal Court of New Orleans shall assess costs against defendant convicted after trial or after he pleads guilty or who forfeits his bond.

Proposed law increases the sum the defendant shall pay from \$15 to \$30.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 13:2497 and 2500.2(A)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to the original bill.

1. Deleted proposed language which would have repealed the authorization for the Municipal and Traffic Courts of New Orleans to impose bail bond fees.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Changed references to amount the court requires a defendant to pay to defray expenses from "taxed" to "assessed".