

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 72

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDWARDS

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Authorizes an increase in fees or court costs for the 21st Judicial District Court

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:996.6(A), relative to court costs for the Twenty-First Judicial
3 District Court; to authorize an increase in civil and criminal court costs in the
4 Twenty-First Judicial District Court for allocation to the judicial expense fund; and
5 to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:996.6(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §996.6. Judicial expense fund for Twenty-First Judicial District; established

9 A. In addition to all other fees or costs now or hereafter provided by law, the
10 clerk of court of the Twenty-First Judicial District shall collect from every person
11 filing any type of civil suit or proceeding and who is not otherwise exempted by law
12 from the payment of court costs, a sum to be determined by the judges of said
13 district, sitting en banc, which sum shall not exceed ~~ten~~ twenty dollars, subject,
14 however, to the provisions of Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure, Article 5181, et
15 seq. In all criminal cases over which the Twenty-First Judicial District Court has
16 jurisdiction, there shall be taxed as costs against every defendant who is convicted
17 after trial or after he pleads guilty or who forfeits his bond, a sum likewise
18 determined, but which shall not exceed ~~ten~~ twenty dollars, which shall be in addition
19 to all other fines, costs, or forfeitures lawfully imposed, and which shall be
20 transmitted to the said clerk for further disposition in accordance herewith.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes a \$10 increase for civil and criminal court costs to be allocated to the judicial expense fund for the 21st Judicial District Court.

Present law authorizes the judges of the 21st JDC to determine an amount of not more than \$10 to be collected by the clerk of court from every person filing any type of civil suit or proceeding.

Present law authorizes the judges of the 21st JDC to determine an amount of not more than \$10 to be collected in all criminal cases over which the 21st JDC has jurisdiction, from every defendant who is convicted after trial or after he pleads guilty or who forfeits his bond in addition to all other fines, costs or forfeitures lawfully imposed. Present law requires these costs to be transmitted to the clerk for distribution into the judicial expense fund for the 21st and 22nd JDC.

Proposed law retains present law except that it changes the amount authorized for collection by the clerk of court from an amount not to exceed \$10 to an amount not to exceed \$20.

(Amends R.S.13:996.6(A))