

ACT No. 46

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 101

BY REPRESENTATIVES EDWARDS AND MACK

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:996.6, 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; to provide for the allocation of funds to the
5 judicial expense fund; to require the sheriffs in the Twenty-First Judicial District to
6 collect court costs in criminal cases; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 13:996.6 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §996.6. Judicial expense fund for Twenty-First Judicial District; established

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

1 B. The clerk of ~~each~~ court and the sheriff in the respective parishes of the
2 Twenty-First Judicial District shall place all sums collected or received under this
3 Section in a separate account to be designated as the Judicial Expense Fund for the
4 Twenty-First Judicial District Court ~~and the Judicial Expense Fund for the Twenty-~~
5 ~~Second Judicial District Court~~. The judges, en banc, of the Twenty-First Judicial
6 District ~~and of the Twenty-Second Judicial District~~ shall have control over the fund
7 and all disbursements made therefrom. They shall cause to be conducted annually
8 an audit of the fund and the books and accounts relating thereto, and shall file the
9 same with the office of the legislative auditor where it shall be available for public
10 inspection.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____