

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 104

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEOPOLD

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:996.66(A), relative to the judicial expense fund for the
3 Twenty-Fifth Judicial District Court; to increase certain fees and costs in civil and
4 criminal matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:996.66(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §996.66. Judicial Expense Fund for Twenty-Fifth Judicial District

9 A. In addition to all other fees or costs ~~now or hereafter~~ provided by law, the
10 clerk of court of the Twenty-Fifth 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 the district,
13 sitting en banc, which sum shall not exceed ~~fifteen~~ thirty-five dollars, subject to the
14 provisions of Code of Civil Procedure Article 5181 et seq. In all criminal cases over
15 which the Twenty-Fifth Judicial District Court has jurisdiction, there shall be taxed
16 as costs against every defendant who is convicted after trial or after plea of guilty,
17 or who forfeits his bond, a sum likewise determined but which shall not exceed
18 ~~fifteen~~ thirty-five dollars, which shall be in addition to all other fines, costs, or
19 forfeitures lawfully imposed.

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21 Section 2. In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 13:62, the increase in court costs
22 or fees as provided for in this Act shall become effective if and when the Judicial Council

1 provides a recommendation that such court costs or fees meet the applicable guidelines in
2 its 2018 Report to the Louisiana Legislature.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____