

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 417

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

JUVENILE PROCEDURE: Provides relative to the waiver of certain court costs and fees

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Children's Code Article 406(A), relative to costs and fees in juvenile
3 cases; to provide relative to the authority of the court to waive costs and fees in
4 juvenile cases; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Children's Code Article 406(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read
7 as follows:

8 Art. 406. Waiver of court costs and fees

9 A. In its discretion, the court may waive costs and fees to the extent that a
10 party is unable to pay such costs and fees due to poverty or lack of means or for any
11 other reason determined by the court.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the authority of the court to waive costs and fees in juvenile cases for any reason.

Present law provides that in juvenile cases the court may waive costs and fees to the extent that a party is unable to pay such costs and fees due to poverty or lack of means.

Proposed law retains present law but authorizes the court to waive costs and fees in juvenile cases for any reason.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 406(A))