

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 418

BY SENATOR LAMBERT

INDIGENT DEFENSE. Provides for payment of fee for application as an indigent to the judicial district indigent defender fund. (8/1/16)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:175(A)(1)(f), relative to indigent defenders; to provide for
3 payment of application fees; to provide for assessment of fees; and to provide for
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:175(A)(1)(f) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §175. Proceedings to determine indigency

8 A.(1)(a) * * *

9 (f) An accused person or, if applicable, a parent or legal guardian of an
10 accused minor or an accused adult person who is claimed as a dependent on the
11 federal income tax submission of his parent or legal guardian, who makes application
12 to the district office certifying that he is financially unable to employ counsel and
13 requesting representation by indigent defense counsel or conflict counsel, shall pay
14 a nonrefundable application fee of forty dollars to the district office or its designee,
15 which fee shall be in addition to all other fees or costs lawfully imposed. If the board
16 or other appropriate official determines that the person does not have the financial
17 resources to pay the application fee based upon the financial information submitted,

