

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 621

BY SENATOR MURRAY

CIVIL PROCEDURE. To provide relative to the Municipal Court and Traffic Court of New Orleans and certain court fees and salaries. (8/1/12)

1 AN ACT
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2497 and 2500.2(A)(1), and to repeal R.S. 13:2500.3, to
3 provide relative to courts and judicial procedures; to provide relative to the
4 Municipal Court and Traffic Court of New Orleans; to provide relative to certain
5 court fees and salaries; to remove reference to specific dollar amounts of salaries for
6 certain deputy clerks of the Municipal Court of New Orleans; to provide for an
7 increase in certain fees collected by the Municipal Court of New Orleans; to repeal
8 authority of the Municipal Court and Traffic Court of New Orleans to collect bail
9 bond fees; and to provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 13:2497 and 2500.2(A)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
12 as follows:

13 §2497. Deputy clerks; appointment; salaries; removal

14 The clerk of the municipal court of New Orleans shall appoint such deputies,
15 assistants and employees as the legislature may provide. There shall not be less than
16 twenty deputy clerks and other employees of the court, ~~and their salaries and manner~~
17 ~~of appointment and removal shall be as hereinafter designated.~~

1 The following named deputy clerks of the municipal court of New Orleans
2 shall be appointed by the chief clerk of the court, who may remove any of them at
3 any time, and their salaries are hereby fixed as follows: one chief deputy clerk at a
4 monthly salary of three hundred dollars; four criers at a monthly salary of one
5 hundred seventy-five dollars each; one deputy clerk, known as a bond clerk, at a
6 monthly salary of one hundred seventy-five dollars; two deputy clerks, known as
7 capias clerks, at a monthly salary of one hundred seventy-five dollars each; three
8 deputy clerks, known as docket clerks, at a monthly salary of one hundred
9 seventy-five dollars each; one deputy clerk, who shall do the stenographic work of
10 the clerk's office, at a monthly salary of one hundred seventy-five dollars; one deputy
11 clerk, known as cashier, at a monthly salary of one hundred seventy-five dollars; one
12 deputy clerk, known as dock man in charge of the prisoners, at a monthly salary of
13 one hundred seventy-five dollars; one deputy clerk, known as parole clerk, at a
14 monthly salary of one hundred seventy-five dollars.

15 All salaries of the clerks and deputy clerks of the municipal court of New
16 Orleans shall be paid by the city of New Orleans.

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18 §2500.2. Additional court costs to defray expenses

19 A.(1) In all cases over which the Municipal Court of New Orleans has
20 jurisdiction, there shall be taxed as costs against every defendant who is convicted
21 after trial or after he pleads guilty or who forfeits his bond a nonrefundable sum of
22 ~~fifteen~~ **thirty** dollars, which shall be in addition to all other fines, costs, or forfeitures
23 lawfully imposed.

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25 Section 2. R.S. 13:2500.3 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Julie J. Baxter.

DIGEST

Present law provides relative to Municipal Court and Traffic Court of New Orleans. Specifies position titles and monthly salaries of various deputy clerks in the Municipal Court of New Orleans.

Proposed law removes references to specific salaries and retains present law requiring that there shall not be less than 20 deputy clerks and other employees of the Municipal Court of New Orleans, and that all salaries of the clerks and deputy clerks of the Municipal Court of New Orleans shall be paid by the city of New Orleans.

Present law provides that in Municipal Court of New Orleans cases in which a defendant is convicted after trial or after he pleads guilty or who forfeits his bond, the Municipal Court of New Orleans shall tax as costs a nonrefundable sum of \$15, which shall be in addition to all other fines, costs or forfeitures lawfully imposed.

Proposed law increases sum from \$15 to \$30.

Present law provides for the Municipal and Traffic Courts of New Orleans to impose a bail bond fee on each bail bond issued and on persons released on their own recognizance by an elected official. Present law further provides for the amount, manner and procedures for collecting such bail bond fees.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 13:2497 and 2500.2(A)(1); repeals R.S. 13:2500.3)