

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 621

BY SENATOR MURRAY

CIVIL PROCEDURE. To provide relative to the Municipal Court of New Orleans. (8/1/12)

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

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

11 §2497. Deputy clerks; appointment; salaries; removal

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

16 ~~The following named deputy clerks of the municipal court of New Orleans~~
17 ~~shall be appointed by the chief clerk of the court, who may remove any of them at~~

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

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

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16 §2500.2. Additional court costs to defray expenses

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

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

DIGEST

Murray (SB 621)

Present law provides relative to Municipal 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.

Effective August 1, 2012.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to the original bill.

1. Deleted proposed language which would have repealed the authorization for the Municipal and Traffic Courts of New Orleans to impose bail bond fees.