

**ACT No. 131**

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 224

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:86 and to repeal R.S. 13:126.1, 352.1, 841.3, 1213.3, 1912, 2157.1, 2500.5, 2520, and 2565, relative to court costs; to provide relative to court costs collected for civil filings and criminal convictions; to provide for the use of proceeds of such costs; to provide for an audit; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 13:86 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§86. Judicial College; education account; sources of funds

A. In addition to any other filing fee or cost imposed or authorized by law, the clerk of the Supreme Court and each city, parish, juvenile, family, district, and appellate court shall impose and collect from each party liable for court costs the additional sum of fifty cents for the initial filing in all civil matters.

B. In addition to the costs provided for in Subsection A of this Section, a person convicted of a felony, a misdemeanor, or violating an ordinance of any local government, including a traffic felony, traffic misdemeanor, or a local traffic violation, shall be assessed an additional fifty cents as a special court cost. These costs shall be imposed by all courts, including mayor's courts and magistrate courts.

C. All funds collected pursuant to this Section shall be deposited into a special account and transmitted monthly to the Louisiana Supreme Court in the manner and form specified by the Supreme Court and shall be used to defray the costs associated with the general growth and program improvement strategies of the Judicial College. The Supreme Court shall conduct an annual audit of the books and accounts relating to the funds collected pursuant to this Section, and shall file the audit with the legislative auditor where it shall be available for public inspection.

1           Section 2. R.S. 13:126.1, 352.1, 841.3, 1213.3, 1912, 2157.1, 2500.5, 2520, and  
2           2565 are hereby repealed in their entirety.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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