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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF
COURT FINES AND COURT COSTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION
OF COURT FINES AND COURT COSTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-10-305(h), concerning court costs designated for the Domestic Violence Shelter Fund, is amended to read as follows:

(h)(1) An additional court cost of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be assessed and remitted to the Administration of Justice Funds Section within the Department of Finance and Administration by the court clerk or designee under § 16-13-709(a) for deposit as special revenues into the Domestic Violence Shelter Fund if a person is a convicted ~~perpetrator~~ of a domestic abuse offense or is the respondent on a permanent order of protection entered by a court under the Domestic Abuse Act of 1991, § 9-15-101 et seq.

(2) When a convicted person is authorized to make installment payments under § 16-13-704, the court cost assessed under subdivision (h)(1) of this section shall be collected from the initial installment payment first.

(3) The court clerk or designee under § 16-13-709(a) shall disburse all court costs collected each month under subdivision (h)(1) of



this section to the Administration of Justice Funds Section by the fifteenth working day of the following month.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-13-701 is amended to read as follows:

16-13-701. Scope – Definition.

(a) The procedures established by this subchapter shall apply to the assessment and collection of all ~~monetary~~ fines, however designated, imposed by circuit courts and district courts for criminal convictions, traffic convictions, civil violations, and juvenile delinquency adjudications and shall be utilized to obtain prompt and full payment of all ~~such~~ fines.

(b) ~~For purposes of~~ As used in this subchapter, ~~the term~~ “fine” ~~or “fines”~~ means ~~all monetary penalties imposed by the courts of this state, which include fines, court costs, restitution, probation fees, and public service work supervisory fees.~~ a monetary penalty imposed by a court, including without limitation:

- (1) A monetary fine;
- (2) Court costs;
- (3) Court-ordered restitution;
- (4) Probation fees;
- (5) Supervision fees;
- (6) Public service supervisory fees; and
- (7) Other court-ordered fees.

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