

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE BILL NO. 307

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR JUSTUS.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 488, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to court costs for certain municipal ordinance violations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 488, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 488.2230, to read as follows:

**488.2230. 1. In addition to all other court costs for municipal
2 ordinance violations, any home rule city with more than four hundred
3 thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county may provide
4 for additional court costs in an amount up to fourteen dollars per case
5 for each municipal ordinance violation case, except that no such
6 additional cost shall be collected in any proceeding involving a
7 violation of an ordinance when the proceeding or defendant has been
8 dismissed by the court.**

9 **2. The judge may waive the assessment of the cost in those cases
10 where the defendant is found by the judge to be indigent and unable to
11 pay the costs.**

12 **3. Such cost shall be calculated by the clerk and disbursed to the
13 city at least monthly. The city shall use such additional costs to fund
14 legal representation for indigent defendants who participate in the
15 municipal court's mental health court, drug court, or veterans
16 court. After funding legal representation for defendants who
17 participate in these specialized dockets, such costs may also be used to
18 fund legal representation for indigent defendants in other municipal
19 court matters or other expenses of the municipal court.**

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