Hall of the House of Representatives

84th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2003 Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2389

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 16-87-306 TO PROVIDE PUBLIC DEFENDER REPRESENTATION IN CITY COURTS."

Amendment No. 2 to House Bill No. 2389.

Amend House Bill No. 2389 as engrossed, 03/13/03:

Page 2, line 8 add the following new subdivision:

"(3)(A) In addition to all other court costs provided by law, there shall be levied and collected a court cost of five dollars (\$5.00) from each defendant upon each conviction, each plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or each forfeiture of bond for all misdemeanors, traffic offenses which are misdemeanors or violations under state law or local ordinance, or other violations of state law or local ordinance in city court.

(B) The costs set forth in this subdivision (3) shall be imposed at the conclusion of each criminal case enumerated in subdivision (3)(A) of this section that does not end in an acquittal, dismissal, or, with the consent of the prosecution, a nolle prosequi.

(C) The costs shall be imposed at the conclusion of cases involving a suspended or probated sentence even though that sentence may be expunged or otherwise removed from the defendant's record.

(D) No municipality or town shall be liable for the payment of the costs taxed under this section in any instance where they are not collected.

(E) Any money collected under this subdivision (3) shall be remitted on or before the tenth day of the month following the month of collection to the State Treasury to the credit of the State Central Services Fund Account, there to be put into a separate account entitled "Public Defender Attorney Fees" to be used solely to defray costs to the Arkansas Public Defender Commission for representing indigent defendants in city court cases."



The Amendment was read _ By: Representative Agee PBB/APK - 032020031111 ONE355