

2017 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 43

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

COURTS. Provides relative to compensation and distribution of costs of justices of the peace and constables. (8/1/17)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2590(B), the introductory paragraph of 2590.1(B), and (C),

3 relative to justice of the peace courts; to provide for court costs; to provide for

4 distribution of court costs; to provide for court costs in certain parishes; to provide

5 for agreements in cases with out-of-constable jurisdiction; and to provide for related

6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 13:2590(B), the introductory paragraph of 2590.1(B), and (C) are

9 hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §2590. Security for costs; ~~advanced costs deposit~~

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12 B.(1) Fifty percent of ~~each fee and deposit~~ **such court costs** shall be retained

13 by the justice of the peace for ~~fees~~ **compensation** and operational expenses of the

14 office and court, and fifty percent of ~~the fees and deposits~~ **such court costs** shall be

15 used for ~~fees~~ **compensation** and operational expenses of the ward constable's office.

16 **(2) Notwithstanding Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, in cases with**

17 **out-of-constable jurisdiction, the justice of the peace and his ward constable's**

in present law.

Present law provides that each fee and deposit received by a justice of the peace shall be retained in a separate account for fees and operational expenses of the clerk of court's office.

Proposed law provides that all amounts received by a justice of the peace shall be retained in a separate account for compensation and operational expenses of the clerk of court's office.

Effective August 1, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 13:2590(B), 2590.1(B)(intro para), and (C))