The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

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Present law provides that each law enforcement officer who, because of his official connections with any criminal case being tried in the city court or mayor's court, as the arresting officer or in some other official capacity, is required to be present as a witness in the case during any time when he is otherwise not required to report to work or perform the duties of his office shall be paid the sum of $50 for each day per case for which his presence in the court is required and for which he is present.

Present law requires witness fees for these off-duty law enforcement officers to be paid from court costs assessed and collected in individual cases in which there is a plea of guilty or a conviction, in accordance with a schedule of costs adopted by the judge or judges of the city court or mayor's court, provided that in a mayor's court, the cost assessed for such purpose for any person who pleads guilty or is convicted in an individual case shall not exceed $50, with the costs collected to be placed in a special fund maintained and administered by the governing authority and from which the governing authority pays the witness fees.

Proposed law requires the witness fee fund for the City Court of Bastrop to maintain a balance of $5,000.

Proposed law requires that on January first of each year, the amount of money in the witness fee fund for the City Court of Bastrop that exceeds $5,000 be transferred to the operating fund of the city of Bastrop to be used solely for the operating expenses of the court.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 15:255(X))