

ACT No. 224

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 547

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:175(D), relative to public defender services; to provide with respect to
3 determinations of indigency; to authorize the adoption of a uniform form to be used
4 in determining indigency; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:175(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §175. Proceedings to determine indigency

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9 D. The judicial administrator for the Louisiana Supreme Court shall develop
10 a form to be used by the court in determining indigency. The form, at a minimum,
11 shall include the following determinations by the court:

12 (1) Whether the defendant receives any form of public assistance.

13 (2) The occupational status of the defendant and income, if any.

14 (3) Whether the payment of legal fees would deprive the defendant or his
15 dependents of necessities of life including clothing, shelter, or food.

16 (4) Whether the defendant is eligible for indigent defender services based
17 upon the defendant's income and assets.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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