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Abstract: Establishes a \$3.00 bail bond premium fee in certain parishes and provides for its distribution.

<u>Present law</u> establishes a fee in the amount of \$2.00 for each \$100 worth of liability underwritten by a commercial surety who writes criminal bail bonds in the state of Louisiana. <u>Present law</u> provides an exception for the parish of Orleans.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds an additional exception for any parish with a population greater than 440,000 according to the latest federal decennial census.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that in any parish with a population greater than 440,000 according to the latest federal decennial census, the fee shall be equal to \$3.00 for each \$100 worth of liability underwritten by the commercial surety.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires, in any parish with a population greater than 440,000 according to the latest federal decennial census, \$1.00 of the fee collected by the sheriff of the parish to be remitted to the indigent defender fund for the judicial district in which the parish is located no later than 60 days after receipt.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the remaining \$2.00 collected by the sheriff of the parish to be remitted no later than 60 days after receipt according to the following schedule:

- (1) One-third to the judicial expense fund for the judicial district in which the parish is located.
- (2) One-third to the sheriff's general fund for the parish.
- (3) One-third to the district attorney's operating fund for the parish.

(Amends R.S. 22:822(A)(1); Repeals R.S. 22:822(A)(3) and (B)(4))