

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 213

BY REPRESENTATIVES JACKSON, CHANEY, HOFFMANN, HUNTER, AND JAY MORRIS

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:3049(B)(1)(e)(vii) and R.S. 15:255(T), relative to costs of court; to provide
3 relative to witness fees for off-duty law enforcement officers; to provide relative to
4 juror compensation; to authorize the transfer of witness fee surplus funds and juror
5 compensation surplus funds within the Fourth Judicial District; to provide for the
6 transfer procedures and use of funds; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 13:3049(B)(1)(e)(vii) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §3049. Cash deposit; bond; duty to attend; compensation; procedure; filing fees

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13 (e)

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15 (vii)(aa) Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, surplus monies in
16 the special fund of each parish within the Fourth Judicial District shall upon request,
17 be transmitted by the governing authority of each parish to the Fourth Judicial
18 District Court for deposit into the judicial expense fund.

19 (bb) As used in this Item, "special fund" means the special fund provided for
20 in this Subparagraph, and "surplus monies" means the amount of money that is in
21 each special fund at the end of each calendar year and that is in excess of the total
22 amount paid for jury fees and costs during that calendar year. No money obligated

1 to be paid to any juror as a fee or cost for attendance for jury duty shall be considered
2 surplus money pursuant to this Item.

3 (cc) Surplus monies transferred to the Fourth Judicial District Court's judicial
4 expense fund shall be transferred at any time upon request by the court, and may be
5 used for the same purposes as the existing funds in the judicial expense fund.

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7 Section 2. R.S. 15:255(T) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §255. Witness fees to off-duty law enforcement officers

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10 T. In the Fourth Judicial District, surplus monies in the special fund in each
11 of the parishes in that district shall be transmitted by the governing authorities of
12 those parishes to the judicial expense fund of the Fourth Judicial District Court upon
13 request by the court. As used in this Subsection, "special fund" means the special
14 fund provided for in Subsection D of this Section, and "surplus monies" means the
15 amount of money which is in each special fund at the end of each calendar year and
16 which is in excess of the total amount paid from each special fund as witness fees for
17 off-duty law enforcement officers in that calendar year. The surplus monies which
18 are required to be transferred by this Subsection may be used for any purpose for
19 which the other monies in the judicial expense fund of the Fourth Judicial District
20 Court may be used. No money obligated to be paid to any officer or agency for an
21 off-duty law enforcement court appearance shall be considered surplus monies
22 pursuant to this Subsection.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____