

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 10

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARINO

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

WITNESSES/FEEES: Provides with respect to off-duty law enforcement witness fees for the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:255(V), relative to witness fees; to provide relative to witness fees in the  
3 Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court; to provide for the transfer of certain surplus  
4 witness fees; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:255(V) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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

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9 V.(1) In the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court, surplus monies in the  
10 special fund provided for in Subsection D of this Section that exceed one million five  
11 hundred thousand dollars at the end of each calendar year shall be transmitted by the  
12 governing authority of Jefferson Parish to the following entities in the following  
13 amounts:

14 (a) Fifty percent to the Commissioner's Fee Fund of the Twenty-Fourth  
15 Judicial District Court, provided for in R.S. 13:718(J).

16 (b) Fifty percent to the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office.

17 (2) As used in this Subsection, "surplus monies" means the amount of money  
18 which is in the special fund at the end of each calendar year which is in excess of the  
19 total amount paid from the special fund as witness fees for off-duty law enforcement  
20 officers in that calendar year.

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DIGEST

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HB 10 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides for the distribution of surplus witness fee funds in the 24th Judicial District Court.

Present law provides for the collection of court costs, known as "witness fees", to pay off-duty law enforcement officers who are required to be present in a criminal case or delinquency proceeding. Provides that each judicial district shall establish a schedule of witness fees and shall place these fees in a special fund administered by the governing authority.

Proposed law provides that in the 24th Judicial District Court, surplus monies in the witness fee fund that exceeds \$1.5 million at the end of each calendar year shall be transmitted by the governing authority of Jefferson Parish to the following entities in the following amounts:

- (1) 50% to the Commissioner's Fee Fund of the 24th Judicial District Court.
- (2) 50% to the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical corrections.