

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 239 (SB 219)

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Jackson

New law authorizes judicial districts to accumulate funds for the purposes of retaining expert witnesses, and provides that the district public defender, in his discretion, will determine how payments will be administered and which experts will be paid.

New law allows a person who has retained private counsel, but is found to be indigent, to apply for funds for expert witnesses in the same manner as public defender clients.

New law removes court jurisdiction over the payment of funds, administered by the La. Public Defender Board or district public defender, for expert witnesses.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 15:168(F))