

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 238 (SB 216)

2022 Regular Session

Jackson

Existing law provides that each law enforcement officer who, because of his official connections with any criminal case being tried in the city court or mayor's court, as the arresting officer or in some other official capacity, is required to be present as a witness in the case during any time when he is otherwise not required to report to work or perform the duties of his office shall be paid the sum of \$50 for each day per case for which his presence in the court is required and for which he is present.

Existing law requires witness fees for these off-duty law enforcement officers be paid from court costs assessed and collected in individual cases in which there is a plea of guilty or a conviction, in accordance with a schedule of costs adopted by the judge or judges of the city court or mayor's court, provided that in a mayor's court, the cost assessed for such purpose for any person who pleads guilty or is convicted in an individual case shall not exceed \$50, with the costs collected to be placed in a special fund maintained and administered by the governing authority and from which the governing authority pays the witness fees.

New law requires the witness fee fund for the City Court of Bastrop to maintain a balance of \$5,000.

New law provides that the city of Bastrop may adopt an ordinance which provides that on January first of each year, the amount of money in the witness fee fund for the City Court of Bastrop that exceeds \$5,000 be transferred to the operating fund of the city of Bastrop to be used solely for the operating expenses of the court.

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