

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law authorized a two-year pilot program that allowed jurors in the 19th JDC to donate their per diem compensation in whole or in part to an organization that is either formally recognized under Ch.C. Art. 424 for its role in advocating for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the court system, or specifically designated as Capital Area Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).

Prior law required the clerk of court for the 19th JDC to provide each juror an option to donate the per diem compensation to CASA during jury orientation or the juror service process.

Prior law required the clerk of court for the 19th JDC to establish procedures for the collection and timely distribution of donated per diem compensation to the designated organization.

Prior law required that the procedures for the collection and timely distribution of donated per diem compensation to the designated organization include provisions for donor acknowledgment and compliance with financial management standards.

Prior law also required a form to be distributed to each person registered for the jury pool that contained the mission of CASA and the voluntary option to assign fees due to them as a tax-deductible donation to the organization.

Prior law provided for the purpose of the program and required the juror office of the 19th JDC to send a monthly check of individual juror payments to CASA along with the names, addresses, and amounts donated of the individual juror for a mailed tax-deductible receipt.

Prior law required any information provided to CASA by the juror office to remain confidential and not be subject to disclosure under the public records law.

Prior law required that CASA be designated exclusively for the per diem donations during the two-year pilot program.

New law repeals the pilot program and establishes a permanent program in the 19th JDC.

New law authorizes a program in any judicial district court to allow jurors to voluntarily donate per diem compensation to CASA.

New law requires the clerk of court for the judicial district court to provide each juror an option to donate the per diem compensation to CASA during jury orientation or the juror service process.

New law requires the clerk of court for the judicial district court to establish procedures for the collection and timely distribution of donated per diem compensation to CASA.

New law requires the juror office of the judicial district court to send a monthly check of individual juror payments to CASA along with the names, addresses, and amounts donated of the individual juror for a mailed tax-deductible receipt. Provides that such information is exempt from public records.

New law requires donations made to CASA to be utilized exclusively for supporting the mission of CASA.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 13:3049.2 and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(6))