

New law authorizes a fee increase of \$35 for all criminal bonds posted in the city court of Baton Rouge to be collected by the constable for deposit into the constable's fund.

New law requires the additional fees to be used to supplement the operational expenses for the constable's office, at the sole discretion of the constable.

New law provides for the person who has paid the fee to submit a request to the court within 30 days for a refund of the fee if the prosecuting attorney declines to prosecute or the prosecution results in an acquittal, dismissal, or granting of a motion to quash. New law further provides that the constable's office shall refund the fee within 30 days after receiving notice of the court's order granting the request for a refund.

New law provides that the financing of the constable's office by the city and parish governing authorities shall not be affected by the increase in fees.

Effective August 1, 2013.

(Adds R.S. 15:85.4)