

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 715

BY REPRESENTATIVE HAVARD

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: Requires the rededication of funds from the Feliciana Juvenile Justice District to the East Feliciana Parish District Attorney's Office

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:1107.6 and to enact R.S. 16:16.4, relative to the collection of  
3 court costs in the Twentieth Judicial District; to rededicate certain court costs from  
4 the Feliciana Juvenile Justice District to the district attorney's office for the  
5 Twentieth Judicial District; to provide for the collection, allocation and use of such  
6 funds by the district attorney for the Twentieth Judicial District; and to provide for  
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 15:1107.6 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §1107.6. Court costs; criminal and traffic cases; district and mayor's courts;  
11 Feliciana Juvenile Justice District; juvenile detention facility

12 A. In the parishes within the jurisdiction of the district, in addition to any  
13 fines or costs imposed by law, in all felony and misdemeanor prosecutions,  
14 including traffic offenses, under state law or parish or local ordinance, in any district  
15 or mayor's court, as may be applicable, special court costs in the amount of five  
16 dollars shall be assessed against every defendant who is convicted after trial or who  
17 enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere or who forfeits bond. The monies from  
18 such costs shall be collected by the sheriff or magistrate of the mayor's court and  
19 placed in a special account ~~to be used exclusively for the funding of the juvenile~~  
20 ~~detention facility of the Feliciana Juvenile Justice District, as provided in R.S.~~

1        ~~15:1107.4(A)~~ and remitted monthly to the district attorney of the Twentieth Judicial  
2        District.

3                B. As of July 30, 2014, all monies currently in the special account as  
4        provided for in Subsection A of this Section, shall be retained for the Feliciana  
5        Juvenile Justice District to be used in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 15:1107  
6        et. seq.

7        Section 2. R.S. 16:16.4 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8        §16.4. Additional court costs to defray expenses; Twentieth Judicial District

9                Beginning August 1, 2014, all sums collected pursuant to R.S. 15:1107.6,  
10        shall be deposited into a special account and remitted monthly by the sheriff or  
11        magistrate of the mayor's court to the district attorney of the Twentieth Judicial  
12        District to be used at his discretion in defraying expenses of his office.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for the reallocation of certain funds from the Feliciana Juvenile Justice District to the district attorney's office for the 20th Judicial District.

Present law authorizes the assessment of a \$5 court cost in all felony and misdemeanor prosecutions, including traffic offenses, under state law or parish or local ordinance, in any district or mayor's court.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the sheriff or magistrate of the mayor's court in any parish within the jurisdiction of the Feliciana Juvenile Justice District to collect such costs, in addition to all other fines, costs, or forfeitures lawfully imposed, from every defendant who is convicted after trial or after he pleads guilty or nolo contendere or who forfeits his bond and place the funds in a special account to be used exclusively for the funding of the juvenile detention facility of the Feliciana Juvenile Justice District.

Proposed law retains present law except that effective Aug. 1, 2014, the sheriff or magistrate is required to remit monthly, the funds placed in the special account to the district attorney for the 20th Judicial District to be used at his discretion in defraying the expenses of his office.

Proposed law requires that all funds in the special account as of July 30, 2014, shall be retained for the Feliciana Juvenile Justice District to be used in accordance with present law.

(Amends R.S. 15:1107.6; Adds R.S. 16:16.4)