

## HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 689

2016 Regular Session

Jones

COURTS/CITY: Provides relative to indigent defense services in certain city courts

### Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Creates the Jeanerette Public Defender Fund and the Jeanerette Public Defender Fund Board to manage and oversee funds remitted to the Jeanerette Public Defender Fund, and provides for the Board's membership.
2. Provides that 30% of funds collected by the city court of Jeanerette shall be deposited into the Jeanerette Public Defender Fund.
3. Changes proposed law to authorize instead of require that 30% of the funds collected by the city court of Franklin be deposited into the Franklin Public Defender Fund.
4. Makes technical amendments.

### Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law (R.S. 15:168) requires the collection of court costs in courts of original criminal jurisdiction in the amount of \$45 until Aug. 1, 2016, and \$35 thereafter. Provides that such funds shall be used and administered by the district public defender.

Proposed law retains present law except it requires 30% of those funds collected by the city court of Morgan City, to be deposited into the Morgan City Public Defender Fund, created by proposed law.

Proposed law creates the Morgan City Public Defender Fund Board to manage and oversee funds remitted to the Morgan City Public Defender Fund. Membership of the board is comprised of three members each residing in the Morgan City Court district appointed as follows:

- (1) One member appointed by the city council of Morgan City.
- (2) One member appointed by the St. Mary Parish Council.
- (3) One member appointed by the legislative delegation and nominated from the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society.

Present law (R.S. 13:2005.1) provides that all fines, forfeitures, and penalties imposed by the city court of New Iberia shall be paid into the city treasury.

Proposed law retains present law except it requires 30% of those funds collected by the city court of New Iberia, to be deposited into the New Iberia Public Defender Fund, created by proposed law.

Proposed law creates the New Iberia Public Defender Fund Board to manage and oversee funds remitted to the New Iberia Public Defender Fund. Membership of the board is comprised of three members each residing in the New Iberia City Court district appointed as follows:

- (1) One member appointed by the city council of New Iberia.
- (2) One member appointed by the Iberia Parish Council.
- (3) One member appointed by the legislative delegation and nominated from the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society.

Present law (R.S. 13:2488.7) provides that all fines, forfeitures, penalties, and costs designated by the city judge shall be paid into the Franklin town treasury when the prosecution is on behalf of the town and the parish treasury when the prosecution is on behalf of the state or parish.

Proposed law retains present law except it authorizes 30% of those funds collected by the city court of Franklin to be deposited into the Franklin Public Defender Fund, created by proposed law.

Proposed law creates the Franklin Public Defender Fund Board to manage and oversee funds remitted to the Franklin Public Defender Fund. Membership of the board is comprised of three members each residing in the Franklin City Court district appointed as follows:

- (1) One member appointed by the city council of Franklin.
- (2) One member appointed by the St. Mary Parish Council.
- (3) One member appointed by the legislative delegation and nominated from the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society.

Present law (R.S. 13:2488.77) provides that all fines, forfeitures, penalties, and costs designated by the city judge shall be paid into the Breaux Bridge town treasury when the prosecution is on behalf of the town and into the parish treasury of the St. Martin Parish police jury general fund when the prosecution is on behalf of the state or parish.

Proposed law retains present law except it requires 30% of those funds collected by the city court of Breaux Bridge to be deposited into the Breaux Bridge Public Defender Fund, created by proposed law.

Proposed law creates the Breaux Bridge Public Defender Fund Board to manage and oversee funds remitted to the Breaux Bridge Public Defender Fund. Membership of the board is comprised of three members each residing in the Breaux Bridge City Court district appointed as follows:

- (1) One member appointed by the city council of Breaux Bridge.
- (2) One member appointed by the St. Martin Parish Council.
- (3) One member appointed by the legislative delegation and nominated from the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society.

Proposed law requires 30% of the funds collected by the Jeanerette City Court pursuant to present law be deposited into the Jeanerette Public Defender Fund, created by proposed law.

Proposed law creates the Jeanerette Public Defender Fund Board to manage and oversee funds remitted to the Jeanerette Public Defender Fund. Membership of the board is comprised of three members each residing in the Jeanerette Court district appointed as follows:

- (1) One member appointed by the city council of Jeanerette.
- (2) One member appointed by the Iberia Parish Council.
- (3) One member appointed by the legislative delegation and nominated from the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society.

(Amends R.S. 13:2005.1, 2488.7, and 2488.77; Adds R.S. 13:2005(D) and (E) and 2013)