

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 15

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

COURTS: Provides relative to the transfer of certain funds in the 42nd Judicial District

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:3049(B)(1)(e)(viii) and R.S. 15:255(X), relative to costs of court; to  
3 authorize the transfer of surplus monies in the Forty-Second Judicial District; to  
4 provide for the transfer procedures of funds; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:3049(B)(1)(e)(viii) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §3049. Cash deposit; bond; duty to attend; compensation; procedure; filing fees

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9 B.(1)

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11 (e)

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13 (viii) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any surplus  
14 monies in the special fund of DeSoto Parish within the Forty-Second Judicial District  
15 may be transferred to the criminal court fund on an as needed basis upon the motion  
16 of the district attorney and the order of judges sitting en banc.

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18 Section 2. R.S. 15:255(X) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

19 §255. Witness fees to off-duty law enforcement officers

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1           X. In the Forty-Second Judicial District, upon the motion of the district  
2           attorney and order of the judges sitting en banc, surplus monies in the special fund  
3           shall be transmitted by the governing authority of the parish to the criminal court  
4           fund of the Forty-Second Judicial District. As used in this Subsection, "special fund"  
5           means the special fund provided for in Subsection D of this Section, and "surplus  
6           monies" means the amount of money in the special fund in excess of fifty thousand  
7           dollars at the end of the calendar year. The surplus monies which are transferred by  
8           this Subsection may be used for any purpose for which the other monies in the  
9           criminal court fund of the Forty-Second Judicial District Court may be used.

## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires any surplus witness and juror fees collected by the 42nd Judicial District to be transferred to the criminal court fund.

Present law requires the district court judge or judges for each judicial district to adopt a schedule of costs to be applied to each case before the court. These costs shall be placed in special funds (separately, a juror fund and a witness fund) to be maintained by the proper governing authorities and used to pay witness and juror fees.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that all surplus monies in the special fund of DeSoto Parish within the 42nd Judicial District shall be transferred to the criminal court fund on an as needed basis upon the motion of the district attorney and order by the judges sitting en banc.

Proposed law provides that the surplus monies which are transferred pursuant to proposed law may be used for any purpose for which the other monies in the criminal court fund of the 42nd Judicial District Court may be used.

(Adds R.S. 13:3049(B)(1)(e)(viii) and R.S. 15:255(X))