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Honore HB No. 722

Abstract: Authorizes an increase in fees for criminal bonds posted in the Baton Rouge City Court to supplement the operational expenses of the constable's office.

<u>Proposed law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the additional fees to be used to supplement the operational expenses for the constable's office, at the sole discretion of the constable.

<u>Proposed law</u> 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. <u>Proposed law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> 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.

(Adds R.S. 15:85.4)