

ACT No. 4

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 131

BY REPRESENTATIVE LOPINTO

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:255.1, relative to retired or former law enforcement officers; to provide for
3 the payment of witness fees to retired or former law enforcement officers in certain
4 cases; to provide for the procedure for collection and payment of fees; and to provide
5 for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 15:255.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §255.1. Witness fees to retired or former law enforcement officers

9 A. Unless otherwise provided for by law for a particular jurisdiction,
10 whenever a retired or former law enforcement officer is required to be present, as a
11 witness in any criminal case or delinquency adjudication in any district or parish
12 court or any court exercising juvenile jurisdiction, to testify as to events which
13 occurred during his employment as a law enforcement officer, the retired or former
14 law enforcement officer shall be paid the sum of fifty dollars for each day per case,
15 but not more than one hundred fifty dollars in any one day, regardless of the number
16 of cases for which he is required to be present or whether he actually testified in the
17 case, and which sum shall be paid from those costs of court collected pursuant to the
18 provisions of R.S. 15:255(D)(1) and (2).

19 B. The retired or former law enforcement officer shall submit to the parish
20 governing authority an application for payment of the fee, accompanied by
21 documentation verifying service as a witness. Within sixty days of receipt of the
22 application for the fee, along with accompanying documentation, the governing

1 authority of the parish shall transmit the fees due under this Section to the retired or
2 former law enforcement officer.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____