Claitor (SB 478)

Requires the 19th Judicial District Court, the East Baton Rouge Parish Family Court, the Baton Rouge City Court, the Baker City Court, and the Zachary City Court to levy a warrant recall on all persons who fail to appear as ordered on all misdemeanor offenses and traffic offenses where a warrant for arrest has been issued, the proceeds of which are to pay the expenses of operating a misdemeanor detention facility in the parish.

Requires that the warrant recall fee be \$50 in the 19th Judicial District Court, the East Baton Rouge Parish Family Court, the Baker City Court, and the Zachary City Court. Requires that the warrant recall fee be \$25 in the Baton Rouge City Court.

Provides that no more than four warrant recall fees shall be imposed by each judge against a person.

Requires the clerks of court to place all sums collected under <u>new law</u> with the finance director for the city of Baton Rouge and parish of East Baton Rouge, who is to place the funds in a separate account designated as the Misdemeanor Detention Fund. Requires that all monies in this account are to be used solely for paying expenses associated with the operation of a misdemeanor detention facility in the parish. Requires that the finance director have an annual audit of the fund conducted, and the audit is to be filed with the office of the legislative auditor and made available for public inspection.

Requires that all law enforcement agencies within the parish, confer to create and implement additional pilot programs for the periodic targeted enforcement of outstanding warrants until sufficient revenues are generated to sustain the permanent operation of the misdemeanor detention facility.

Authorizes the mayor-president of Baton Rouge to expend funds and enter into cooperative endeavor agreements with the East Baton Rouge Parish sheriff, all other law enforcement agencies within the parish, and all courts within the in order to carry out the <u>new law</u>, subject to the approval of the Metropolitan Council.

Requires the mayor-president, through the city-parish finance department, to report quarterly to the Metropolitan Council and the courts within the parish on the matters set forth in <u>new law</u>, including recommendations regarding necessary adjustments and the financial feasibility of the misdemeanor warrant enforcement programs.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 13:1000.10, 1415, 2002.1, 2488.40, and 2489.1)