
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires any surplus witness fees collected by the 8th Judicial District which exceeds \$5,000 to be transferred to the criminal court fund.

Present law provides for witness fees for off-duty law enforcement officers to be paid from the costs of court collected in individual cases tried in district or parish courts. The judge or judges of court for the judicial district shall adopt a schedule of costs to be applicable in each case before that court to which such costs are applicable. The costs shall be placed in special funds to be maintained by the proper governing authorities and used to pay witness fees.

Proposed law requires surplus money in excess of \$5,000 in the special account in the 8th JDC to be transferred to the criminal court fund. The transferred money may be used for any purpose for which the other monies in the criminal court fund for the 8th Judicial District may be used.

(Adds R.S. 15:255(V))