

SENATE BILL NO. 216

BY SENATOR JACKSON

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 15:255(X), relative to compulsory process of certain courts; to provide for the witness fee fund for the Bastrop City Court; to provide for excess funds to be used for operating expenses; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 15:255(X) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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

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X. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the city of Bastrop may adopt an ordinance which provides that on January first of each year, the amount of money in the witness fee fund for the City Court of Bastrop that exceeds five thousand dollars shall be transferred to the operating fund of the city of Bastrop to be used solely for the operating expenses of the court. For the purposes of this Subsection, the balance of five thousand dollars required to be kept in the witness fee fund shall mean five thousand dollars in unexpended and unencumbered funds, and under no circumstances shall the balance in the witness fee fund be reduced below five thousand dollars as a result of a transfer made pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
2 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____