
DIGEST

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HB No. 569

Abstract: Imposes a fee on Internet providers to fund the Internet Crimes Investigation Fund for use by the Dept. of Justice in the investigation and prosecution of crimes involving the Internet.

Proposed law creates the Internet Crimes Investigation Fund. The source of monies in this fund shall be a fee of 50¢ paid by each Internet provider doing business in La. and subject to control and jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission. This fee shall be paid by the provider for each bill sent to a consumer which includes a fee for Internet access.

Proposed law requires, beginning July 1, 2009, and each fiscal year thereafter, after compliance with the requirements of Art. VII, §9(B) of the Const. of La., the treasurer shall pay an amount equal to the monies received by the state treasury from the internet providers into the fund.

Proposed law provides that the monies in the fund shall be subject to an annual appropriation by the legislature and shall only be used as set forth in proposed law.

Proposed law requires the monies in the fund to be invested by the treasurer in the same manner as the monies in the state general fund, and all interest earned shall be deposited and credited to the fund.

Proposed law provides that all unexpended or unencumbered monies remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain to the credit of the fund.

Proposed law requires monies appropriated from the fund to be used exclusively by the Dept. of Justice for funding projects to investigate and prosecute crimes involving the use of the Internet.

(Adds R.S. 45:860)