

New law requires that in all criminal cases, including traffic offenses, of which the 31<sup>st</sup> JDC has jurisdiction, there shall be assessed as additional costs against every defendant who is convicted after trial or who pleads guilty or forfeits bond, a sum not to exceed \$10. These costs shall be in addition to all other fines, costs, or forfeitures lawfully imposed and shall be transmitted to the sheriff of Jefferson Davis Parish for further disposition in accordance with the provisions of new law.

New law requires the sheriff to place all sums collected or received into an account and to remit the sum monthly into the operational fund of the coroner's office of Jefferson Davis Parish.

New law requires the coroner to cause to be conducted annually an audit of the account and the books and accounts relating thereto and shall file the audit with the office of the legislative auditor where it shall be available for public inspection.

New law provides for an evaluation of the fee increase by the Judicial Council and if approved by the council, the new law and the fee increase become effective on October 1, 2009, provided that the council publishes notice of approval in the Louisiana Register by Sept. 15, 2009. Provides that new law shall be null and void and have no effect, if the council finds that the fee increase is not necessary.

Effective October 1, 2009, if the fee increase is approved by the Judicial Council.

(Adds R.S. 13:1000.7)