

Prior law authorized parishes, including St. John the Baptist, to enter into a participation agreement with St. James Parish to sublease a portion of its youth center and provide for the care and maintenance of juveniles from the participating parish at the center. Further authorized such parishes to levy a special annual tax not to exceed one mill for a period of 20 years for such purposes.

Prior law specifically authorized St. John the Baptist Parish to continue to levy the special annual tax to fund the costs of housing and detaining juveniles at any other juvenile detention center approved by appropriate state and federal authorities in St. John the Baptist Parish or in any other parish.

New law further authorizes St. John the Baptist Parish to expend funds from the tax for operation and maintenance costs and for construction or renovation of a facility to house the juvenile probation officers, judges, counselors, and other personnel associated with juvenile services.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 15:1098.7(D))