

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 4

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTOUCET

WITNESSES/FEEES: Provides for the disposition of witness fees from the City Court of Crowley

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:255(O), relative to witness fees to off-duty law enforcement officers in the
3 City Court of Crowley; to authorize the city of Crowley to adopt an ordinance to use
4 surplus fees in the fund to equip the police department of the city of Crowley; and
5 to provide for related matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
7 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
8 Louisiana.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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13 O. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the city of Crowley
14 may adopt an ordinance which provides that on September first of each year, the
15 amount of money in the witness fee fund provided for the City Court of Crowley
16 which exceeds thirty thousand dollars shall be transferred to the general fund of the
17 city of Crowley to be used solely for purchasing equipment for the police department
18 of the city of Crowley. For the purposes of this Subsection, the balance of thirty
19 thousand dollars required to be kept in the witness fee fund shall mean thirty
20 thousand dollars in unexpended and unencumbered funds, and under no

1 circumstances shall the balance in the witness fee fund be reduced below thirty
 2 thousand dollars as a result of a transfer made pursuant to the provisions of this
 3 Subsection.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that monies exceeding \$30,000 in the witness fee fund shall be transferred to the city for payment of equipment for the city of Crowley police department.

Proposed law provides the city of Crowley is authorized to adopt an ordinance which provides that on Sept. 1 of each year, the amount of money in the witness fee fund of the City Court of Crowley which exceeds \$30,000 shall be transferred to the general fund of the city to be used to purchase equipment for the police department.

Proposed law also requires that a balance of \$30,000 shall be kept in the witness fee fund, and under no circumstances shall the balance be reduced to below \$30,000 as a result of a transfer.

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