DIGEST

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HB 315 Engrossed

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Carpenter

Abstract: Increases the fees for city constables and marshals for all matters that pertain to service or returns of all legal documents, execution of writs, newspaper advertisements, and executions of writs of possession or ejectment, and provides that 60% of these funds shall be used on equipment.

<u>Present law</u> provides a fee schedule for all city marshals and constables except for those serving in Orleans Parish and the cities of Natchitoches, Hammond, Minden, Springhill, Franklin, Winnfield, Slidell, Bogalusa, Ruston, and Houma. <u>Present law</u> contains specific provisions applicable to those cities and Orleans Parish.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases the fee to \$30 for all matters that pertain to service or returns of all legal documents, execution of writs, newspaper advertisements, and executions of writs of possession or ejectment. <u>Proposed law</u> repeals the <u>present law</u> fee schedule applicable only to the city of Hammond.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires 60% of these funds to be used for the purchase or updating of necessary equipment to carry out the efficient performance of the duties of constables and marshals. Provides for the deposit of these funds into an equipment fund subject to an annual audit.

Proposed law is contingent upon the recommendation by the Judicial Council.

(Amends R.S. 13:5807; Repeals R.S. 13:5807.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

- 1. Require 60% of the funds to be used for equipment purposes and requires the equipment fund to be included in an annual audit.
- 2. Repeal the present law fee schedule applicable only to the city of Hammond.