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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to electronic monitoring and associated costs.

Present law provides for electronic monitoring programs.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the monitored person is responsible for the costs of electronic monitoring.

Proposed law retains present law and requires any person who is subject to electronic monitoring and the associated costs of electronic monitoring to provide the electronic monitoring service provider with a method of payment as a means to guarantee payment.

Present law provides for conditions of electronic monitoring.

Proposed law retains present law and requires an additional condition of repayment if the court has ordered the satisfaction of any outstanding or delinquent payment pursuant to proposed law.

Present law provides for procedures and duties of the court when a monitored person is found to be noncompliant with monitoring conditions.

Proposed law retains present law and requires the court to issue a warrant for the arrest of a monitored person who fails to satisfy all or a portion of an outstanding or delinquent payment within the time period provided in proposed law.

Proposed law permits an electronic monitoring service provider to file proof of nonpayment with the clerk of court at any time after the failure of the monitored person to pay any costs associated with electronic monitoring. Further provides for a contradictory hearing in order to establish proof of the monitored person's nonpayment.

Proposed law provides for duties of the court after a determination that any outstanding or delinquent payment is owed to the provider as follows:

- (1) Order the monitored person to satisfy all or a portion of the outstanding or delinquent payment within 30 days of the court's determination through the designated intermediary of the court.

- (2) Assess any filing costs against the monitored person.
- (3) Permit the provider to remove the electronic monitoring device from the monitored person after expiration of the 30-day time period if the ordered amount of the outstanding or delinquent payment has not been recovered.

Proposed law provides that the court may order a periodic payment plan pursuant to present law (C.Cr.P. Art. 875.1) for a monitored person who is found to be indigent.

(Amends R.S. 15:571.37(B)-(D) and (E)(1); Adds R.S. 15:571.37(E)(4) and (F))