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Abstract: Requires the local governing authority of St. Tammany Parish to transfer surplus witness fees from the special fund in St. Tammany Parish to the criminal court fund of the 22nd Judicial District Court (JDC).

Present law requires the collection of court costs, known as "witness fees" to pay off-duty law enforcement officers appearing as a witness in a criminal case or delinquency proceeding. Requires each judicial district to establish a schedule of witness fees, which are placed in a special fund and administered by the parish governing authority.

Proposed law requires the governing authority of St. Tammany Parish to transfer surplus monies in the special fund in St. Tammany Parish to the criminal court fund of the 22nd JDC at the end of each calendar year.

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