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## DIGEST

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HB 59 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides for the funding of the district public defender in the 19th Judicial District Court.

Present law provides for the office of the state public defender and district public defenders to provide public defender services in each judicial district throughout the state.

Present law provides that payment for the expenses of the office of the state public defender is made up of state revenue, local government revenue, criminal court funds, grants, gifts, and donations.

Proposed law provides that in addition to funding provided by the office of the state public defender, payment of certain expenses of the district public defender in the 19th Judicial District Court shall be paid by revenue from each city and parish governing authority of East Baton Rouge Parish.

(Adds R.S. 15:161.1)