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DIGEST

Claitor (SB 478)

Proposed law provides that, subject to the approval of the Judicial Council of the Louisiana Supreme Court, all courts within the parish of East Baton Rouge may levy a warrant recall fee of \$50 on all persons who fail to appear as ordered on all misdemeanor offenses and traffic offenses where a warrant for arrest has been issued, the proceeds of which are to pay the expenses of operating a misdemeanor detention facility in the parish.

Proposed law provides that the clerks of court are to place all sums collected under proposed law with the finance director for the city of Baton Rouge and parish of East Baton Rouge, who is to place the funds in a separate account designated as the Misdemeanor Detention Fund. Proposed law further provides that all monies in this account are to be used solely for paying expenses associated with the operation of a misdemeanor detention facility in the parish. Proposed law further provides that the finance director is to have an annual audit of the fund conducted, and the audit is to be filed with the office of the legislative auditor and made available for public inspection.

Proposed law provides that all law enforcement agencies within the parish are to confer to create and implement additional pilot programs for the periodic targeted enforcement of outstanding warrants until sufficient revenues are generated to sustain the permanent operation of the misdemeanor detention facility.

Proposed law provides that the mayor-president of Baton Rouge is authorized to expend funds and enter into cooperative endeavor agreements with the sheriff and all courts within East Baton Rouge Parish in order to carry out the provisions of proposed law, subject to the approval of the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Council.

Proposed law provides that the mayor-president, through the city-parish finance department, is to report quarterly to the Metropolitan Council and the courts within the parish on the matters set forth in proposed law, including recommendations regarding necessary adjustments and the financial feasibility of the misdemeanor warrant enforcement programs.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 13:996.69)