

## SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

**SB 478 By Senator Claitor****KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

COURTS. Authorizes the levy of a \$50 warrant recall fee to fund a misdemeanor jail in East Baton Rouge Parish. (8/1/14)

**SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL**

1. Changes the collection of the warrant recall fee by the courts from permissive to mandatory.
2. Reduces the \$50 warrant recall fee in the Baton Rouge City Court to \$25.
3. Adds provision that no more than four warrant recall fees may be imposed by each judge against a person.
4. Adds provision that the mayor-president in executing the cooperative endeavor agreement with the sheriff and courts under proposed law include all other law enforcement agencies within the parish.
5. Makes technical changes to provide for the collection of the warrant recall fee in each Chapter within Title 13 for each respective court.

**DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

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SB No. 478

Proposed law requires the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, the East Baton Rouge Parish Family Court, the Baton Rouge City Court, the Baker City Court, and the Zachary City Court to levy a warrant recall 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 requires that the warrant recall fee be \$50 in the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, the East Baton Rouge Parish Family Court, the Baker City Court, and the Zachary City Court. Requires that the warrant recall fee be \$25 in the Baton Rouge City Court.

Proposed law provides that no more than four warrant recall fees shall be imposed by each judge against a person.

Proposed law requires the clerks of court 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. Requires 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. Requires that the finance director 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 requires that all law enforcement agencies within the parish, 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 authorizes the mayor-president of Baton Rouge to expend funds and enter into cooperative endeavor agreements with the sheriff of East Baton Rouge Parish, all other law enforcement agencies within the parish, and all courts within the in order to carry out the provisions of proposed law, subject to the approval of the B. R. Metro Council.

Proposed law requires the mayor-president, through the city-parish finance department, 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.

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(Adds R.S. 13:1000.10, 1415, 2002.1, 2488.40, and 2489.1)

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