## **RÉSUMÉ DIGEST**

## ACT 204 (HB 299)

## 2015 Regular Session

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<u>Existing law</u> requires that witness fees be paid from court costs collected in individual cases tried in district or parish courts or in any court with juvenile jurisdiction or cases in which there is a plea of guilty or conviction. All of such costs shall be placed in a special fund that shall be maintained and be administered by the governing authority.

<u>New law</u> requires all parish governing authorities within the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District to transfer all surplus monies in the special fund that exceed \$2,000 at the end of each calendar year to the criminal court fund of the 6<sup>th</sup> JDC by Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year to be used for the same purposes that the present funds are being used.

New law defines "special fund" and "surplus monies".

<u>New law</u> prohibits any money obligated to be paid to any officer or agency for an off-duty law enforcement court appearance from being considered surplus money.

Effective August 1, 2015.

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