2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 136

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BY REPRESENTATIVE MACK

1 AN ACT 2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:168(B)(1), relative to the judicial district indigent defender 3 fund; to extend the period of time in which the special cost assessed in criminal cases 4 in each judicial district court shall be collected for the district indigent defender fund; 5 and to provide for related matters. 6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 7 Section 1. R.S. 15:168(B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 8 §168. Judicial district indigent defender fund 9 10 B.(1) Every court of original criminal jurisdiction, except in the town of 11 Jonesville, in the city of Plaquemine, and in mayors' courts in municipalities having 12 a population of less than five thousand, shall remit the following special costs to the 13 district indigent defender fund for the following violations, under state statute as well 14 as under parish or municipal ordinance, except a parking violation. The sum of 15 forty-five dollars shall be assessed in cases in which a defendant is convicted after 16 a trial, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or after forfeiting bond and shall be in 17 addition to all other fines, costs, or forfeitures imposed. The court cost of forty-five 18 dollars authorized by the provisions of this Subsection shall expire on August 1, 19 2016 2017, and thereafter the court cost authorized by the provisions of this 20 Subsection shall be thirty-five dollars. The Louisiana Public Defender Board shall

provide a detailed report to the Louisiana Legislature prior to the 2016 2017 Regular

Session detailing how the funds provided for by this Subsection were utilized in each

1	judicial district. Mayors' courts which are required to assess the court cost of thirty-
2	five dollars on June 7, 2012, shall continue to assess such amount as cost of court.
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	SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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