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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for the distribution of surplus witness fee funds in the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.

Present law provides for the collection of court costs, known as "witness fees", to pay off-duty law enforcement officers who are required to be present in a criminal case or delinquency proceeding. Provides that each judicial district shall establish a schedule of witness fees and shall place these fees in a special fund administered by the governing authority.

Proposed law provides that in the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, surplus monies in the witness fee fund that exceeds \$1.5 million at the end of each calendar year shall be transmitted by the governing authority of Jefferson Parish to the following entities in the following amounts:

- (1) 50% to the Commissioner's Fee Fund of the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court.
- (2) 50% to the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office.

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