
DIGEST

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Abstract: Changes the municipality population threshold relative to the mandatory assessment and remittance of special costs to the district indigent defender fund.

Present law requires every court of original criminal jurisdiction, except the town of Jonesville, the city of Plaquemine, and mayors' courts in municipalities having a population of less than 5,000, to remit special costs to the district indigent defender fund for certain violations, except parking violations.

Proposed law changes the municipality population threshold for the remittance of special costs from less than 5,000 to less than 9,000. Otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 15:168(B)(1)(a))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Remove proposed law that creates an exception for the town of Addis.
2. Change the required population threshold for municipalities to remit certain special costs to the district indigent defender fund from less than 5,000 to less than 9,000.
3. Make technical changes.