

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Murray to Reengrossed House Bill No. 553 by Representative Foil

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "To" and before "enact" insert

3 "amend and reenact R.S. 15:255(A)(2) and (D)(1) and to"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 3, after "collected;" insert

6 "to provide relative to payment of certain witness fees; to provide certain terms,  
7 conditions, procedures, and requirements;"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 3

9 On page 1, after line 10, insert

10 "Section 2. R.S. 15:255(A)(2) and (D)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted  
11 to read as follows:

12 §255. Witness fees to off-duty law enforcement officers

13 A. \* \* \*

14 (2) ~~In~~ **Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in** the city of  
15 New Orleans, the Civil Service Commission shall establish rules for the payment of  
16 each law enforcement officer who because of his official connection with any  
17 criminal case as the arresting officer or in some other official capacity, is required  
18 to be present as a witness in any criminal case which is being tried in the Criminal  
19 District Court for the parish of Orleans during any time when he otherwise is not  
20 required to report to work or perform the duties of his job. The officer's employing  
21 agency shall be paid ~~from those costs of court collected pursuant to the provisions~~  
22 ~~of Paragraphs (D)(1) and (2) of this Section for~~ **by the party issuing the subpoena**  
23 **requiring the presence of the officer for the witness fees provided by this**  
24 **Section,** overtime or any other compensation costs associated with his required  
25 presence as a witness.

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27 D.(1) **Except as otherwise provided in this Section, witness** ~~Witness~~ fees  
28 provided for by this Section shall be paid from costs of court collected in individual  
29 cases tried in district or parish courts or in any court exercising juvenile jurisdiction  
30 which shall be assessed as a part of the costs of court to be collected in such cases  
31 and shall be collected for each case in which there is a plea of guilty or in which  
32 there is a conviction. The judge or judges of court for the judicial district wherein the  
33 ~~parish, or city of New Orleans,~~ is situated shall adopt a schedule of costs that shall  
34 be applicable in each case before that court to which such costs are applicable. All  
35 of such costs shall be placed, as they are collected, in a special fund that shall be  
36 maintained and be administered by the governing authority and said authority shall  
37 pay out of said fund the witness fees herein provided for.

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