

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 355

BY REPRESENTATIVE POPE

COURTS/CITY: Authorizes an increase in fees for criminal bonds posted in the Denham Springs City Court

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:85.3, relative to posting of criminal bonds; to provide for an increase in  
3 fees assessed for criminal bonds in Denham Springs; to provide for collection of fees  
4 by the marshal of the Denham Springs City Court; to provide for allocation of funds  
5 to the marshal's general fund; to provide for use of funds for the operational expenses  
6 of the marshal's office; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 15:85.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §85.3. Posting of criminal bonds; Denham Springs Marshal's Office; additional fee  
10 assessed

11 A. An additional fee of twenty dollars shall be assessed for every criminal  
12 bond posted in the city court of Denham Springs. This fee shall be in addition to any  
13 other fees or fines as provided by law. Any person seeking release by means of a  
14 criminal bond, or his designated representative, shall pay the fee to the marshal for  
15 the Denham Springs City Court who shall deposit the funds in the marshal's general  
16 fund for the city court of Denham Springs.

17 B. The sums of the monies collected pursuant to the provisions of Subsection  
18 A of this Section shall be used to supplement the operational expenses of the  
19 marshal's office for the city court of Denham Springs. The expenditure of the funds  
20 shall be at the sole discretion of the marshal of the court.

1                    C. Any person found not guilty or any person against whom criminal charges  
2                    are brought and thereafter dismissed may petition the city court of Denham Springs  
3                    for a refund of the fee assessed pursuant to the provisions of this Section.

4                    D. The assessment and disposition of any funds pursuant to this Section shall  
5                    not affect the responsibilities of the city and parish governing authority provided by  
6                    law for the financing of the marshal's office of the city court of Denham Springs.

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DIGEST

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Pope

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**Abstract:** Authorizes an increase in fees for criminal bonds posted in the Denham Springs City Court to supplement the operational expenses of the marshal's office.

Proposed law authorizes a fee increase of \$20 for all criminal bonds posted in the city court of Denham Springs to be collected by the marshal for deposit into the marshal's general fund.

Proposed law requires the additional fees to be used to supplement the operational expenses for the marshal's office, at the sole discretion of the marshal.

Proposed law authorizes any person to petition the court for a refund of the fee if the person who is found not guilty or the criminal charges have been dismissed.

Proposed law provides that the financing of the marshal's office by the city and parish governing authorities shall not be affected by the increase in fees.

(Adds R.S. 15:85.3)