RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 14 (HB 106)

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<u>Existing law</u> authorizes the assessment of a \$5 court cost in all felony and misdemeanor prosecutions, including traffic offenses, under state law or parish or local ordinance, in any district or mayor's court.

<u>Existing law</u> requires the sheriff or magistrate of the mayor's court in any parish within the jurisdiction of the Feliciana Juvenile Justice District to collect such costs, in addition to all other fines, costs, or forfeitures lawfully imposed, from every defendant who is convicted or who pleads guilty or nolo contendere or forfeits his bond.

<u>Prior law</u> required the sheriff or magistrate to place the collected funds in a special account to be used exclusively for the funding of the juvenile detention facility of the Feliciana Juvenile Justice District.

New law provides that, effective Aug. 1, 2015, the sheriff or magistrate is each required to submit the collected funds to the district attorney for the 20th JD, with \$2 each to be distributed to East Feliciana Parish and West Feliciana Parish to fund their drug and alcohol awareness programs, respectively.

<u>New law</u> requires the district attorney to retain \$1 of the collected costs to defray any administrative fees or expenses associated with the collection and distribution of funds.

<u>New law</u> requires that all funds in the special account as of July 31, 2015, shall be retained for the Feliciana Juvenile Justice District.

Effective August 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 15:1107.6)