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HOUSE BILL NO. 243

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BY REPRESENTATIVE WOOTON

SHERIFFS: Provides with respect to compensation for employees of the Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office

1 AN ACT 2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:254.9(B)(1), relative to Plaquemines Parish; to provide with 3 respect to the witness fee fund; to provide for the payment of benefits for employees 4 of the Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office; and to provide for related matters. 5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 6 Section 1. R.S. 15:254.9(B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 7 §254.9. Compensation of off-duty law enforcement officers; parish of Plaquemines 8 9 B.(1) Witness fees provided for in this Section shall be paid from costs 10 collected in individual cases tried in the Twenty-Fifth Judicial District Court and 11

collected in individual cases tried in the Twenty-Fifth Judicial District Court and which shall be assessed as a part of the costs of court to be collected in such cases and shall be collected for each case in which there is a plea of guilty, nolo contendere, or in which there is a conviction. The Twenty-Fifth Judicial District Court judges shall adopt a schedule of costs that shall be applicable in each case before that court to which such costs are applicable. All of such costs shall be placed as they are collected into a special fund that shall be maintained and be administered by the Plaquemines Parish sheriff's office Sheriff's Office. The Plaquemines Parish sheriff's office Sheriff's Office shall pay out of such fund the witness fees provided in this Section, and any other benefits for the employees of the Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office, as deemed appropriate by the sheriff.

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Abstract: Authorizes the payment of benefits for employees of the Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office from the witness fee fund.

<u>Present law</u> provides that costs shall be collected in cases in the 25th JDC, and that the monies shall be placed into a special fund maintained by the Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office. Further provides that witness fees shall be paid from the monies in this fund.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and provides that benefits for the employees of the Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office may also be paid from the fund.

(Amends R.S. 15:254.9(B)(1))