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ACT No. 578

HOUSE BILL NO. 325

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:168(B)(1), relative to the judicial district indigent defender fund; to increase the special cost assessed in criminal cases in each judicial district court for the district indigent defender fund; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 15:168(B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§168. Judicial district indigent defender fund

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B.(1) Every court of original criminal jurisdiction, except in the town of Jonesville, in the city of Plaquemine, and in mayors' courts in municipalities having a population of less than five thousand, shall remit the following special costs to the district indigent defender fund for the following violations, under state statute as well as under parish or municipal ordinance, except a parking violation. The sum of ~~thirty-five~~ forty-five dollars shall be assessed in cases in which a defendant is convicted after a trial, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or after forfeiting bond and shall be in addition to all other fines, costs, or forfeitures imposed. The court cost of forty-five dollars authorized by the provisions of this Subsection shall expire on August 1, 2016, and thereafter the court cost authorized by the provisions of this Subsection shall be thirty-five dollars. The Louisiana Public Defender Board shall provide a detailed report to the Louisiana Legislature prior to the 2016 Regular Session detailing how the funds provided for by this Subsection were utilized in each judicial district. Mayors' courts which are required to assess the court cost of thirty-

