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Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 492

BY SENATOR AMEDEE

COURTS. Authorizes the Twenty-Third JDC to adjust bail amounts for cash. (8/1/12)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 324(A)(3), relative to bail in
3	criminal matters; to authorize the Twenty-Third Judicial District Court to alter the
4	percentage amount of bail to be deposited; to authorize the collection of an
5	administrative fee for processing such bond; and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 324(A)(3) is hereby amended and
8	reenacted to read as follows:
9	Art. 324. Cash deposits
10	A.(1) * * *
11	(3)(a) The court in the parishes of St. John the Baptist and St. Charles, by
12	written rule, may alter the percentage amount of bail to be deposited with the officer
13	authorized to accept the bond and authorize the officer to charge an administrative
14	fee, not to exceed fifteen dollars, for processing the bond.
15	(b) The Twenty-Third Judicial District Court, by written rule, may alter
16	the percentage amount of bail to be deposited with the officer authorized to
17	accept the bond and authorize the officer to charge an administrative fee, not

to exceed fifteen dollars, for processing the bond.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cathy R. Wells.

DIGEST

<u>Present law</u> provides for the methods by which bail in criminal cases may be undertaken, bail through surety of cash deposits or bail without surety.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes courts in the parishes of St. John the Baptist and St. Charles, by written rule, to alter the percentage amounts of cash deposits for bond. <u>Present law</u> further authorizes such courts to charge an administrative fee of not more than \$15 for processing such bond.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and extends same authorization to the 23rd JDC to alter the percentage amounts of cash deposits for bond and authorizes the collection of the \$15 processing fee for such bond.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 324(A)(3))