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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill re-enacts and updates statutory language that was unintentionally repealed in the 2006 Public Safety omnibus bill. The repealed law required the Fourth Judicial District to disburse forfeited bail in nonfelony cases to municipalities and subdivisions of government. Municipalities and subdivisions of government used the bail proceeds to pay incarceration costs.

Since July 1, 2006, the forfeited bail proceeds have been credited to the general fund instead of being directed to the municipalities and subdivisions of government. This bill provides that future forfeited bail proceeds from the Fourth Judicial District will be directed to the appropriate municipalities and subdivisions of government.

### Section

#### **1 Abandonment of bail; disposition of forfeited sums; fourth judicial district.**

**Subd. 1. Abandonment of deposits and bail.** Provides that any bail deposited with the court in a nonfelony case and forfeited is deemed abandoned if the person entitled to a refund does not file a written demand with the court for a refund within six months of becoming entitled to the refund. Forfeited funds may be reinstated and refunded for cause.

**Subd. 2. Disposition of forfeited sums.** Provides that sums, up to \$2,500, collected under subdivision 1 shall be paid to Hennepin County to support the law library.

**Section**

Sums in excess of \$2,500 shall be paid to the municipality or subdivision of government in which the violation occurred.

**2**        **Effective date.** Section 1 is effective July 1, 2007.