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This bill addresses fine allocation when a county attorney prosecutes a case for a town.

Background: If a county attorney is prosecuting a case in his or her capacity as county attorney, all fine revenue is deposited in the state general fund. If a county attorney is prosecuting a case under the authority of city or town attorney, the money is distributed as follows: two-thirds to the city or town in which the offense was committed and one-third to the general fund.

This bill provides that, for purposes of fine allocation, the county attorney shall be considered an attorney for the town, and the fine allocation will be based on the prosecutorial authority under which the county attorney is acting.