AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1565(D) and to enact R.S. 13:1565.1, relative to the Juvenile Court for Caddo Parish; to require the clerk of court for the First Judicial District Court to be ex officio clerk of court for the Juvenile Court of Caddo Parish; to provide for expenses and salaries for the operation of the clerk of court for the Juvenile Court of Caddo Parish; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 13:1565(D) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 13:1565.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1565. Juvenile Court for Caddo Parish; continuous session; quarters; conduct of business; expenses

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D. All sessions of the juvenile court shall be held separate and apart from the First Judicial District Court in quarters to be provided by the governing authority of Caddo Parish. Except as provided in R.S. 13:1565.1(B), the governing authority of Caddo Parish shall make all necessary provisions for the proper conduct of the business of said juvenile court and provide all necessary expenses in connection with the operation of same, said expenses to include stenographer's hire and all necessary and legitimate expenses incurred by the probation officers in the discharge of their official duties. The quarters furnished by the governing authority for the said court shall include an office for each of the judges of said court furnished as the duties of the said judges may require.
§1565.1. Clerk

A. The clerk of the First Judicial District Court shall be ex officio clerk of the juvenile court.

B. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the governing authority of Caddo Parish shall be responsible for reasonable and necessary expenses of the operation of the office of the clerk of court for the Juvenile Court of Caddo Parish, except for expenses directly related to employees. The clerk of the First Judicial District Court shall be responsible for the cost of employees for the office of the clerk of the Juvenile Court of Caddo Parish, including but not limited to salaries, benefits, retirement, travel, and training. Nothing contained in this Subsection shall preclude the governing authority of Caddo Parish and the clerk of the First Judicial District Court from entering into an intergovernmental agreement to provide for the funding of any of the expenses related to employees as enumerated in this Subsection.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2008.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ____________________

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