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2021 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 206

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CLERKS OF COURT. Provides relative to group insurance expenses for certain clerks of court. (gov sig)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. $13:783(F)(1)$ through (3) and (6) through (10), relative to clerks
3	of court; to provide for payment of premium costs for retirees from clerk of court
4	offices; to provide for requirements; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. $13:783(F)(1)$ through (3) and (6) through (10) are hereby amended
7	and reenacted to read as follows:
8	§783. Expenses of clerk's office
9	* * *
10	F.(1) Each of the clerks of the district courts is authorized to contract
11	separately or through the insurance committee that administers the clerk's insurance
12	fund of the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association to obtain from any insurance
13	company authorized to do business in this state, group life and accidental death and
14	dismemberment, group health, accident, dental, hospital, surgical, or other medical
15	expense and group disability insurance. This insurance may cover the clerk of court,
16	the clerk's employees and retirees, dependents of the clerk, and the dependents of
17	the clerk's employees and retirees.

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1 (2) The clerk may pay from the clerk's salary and expense fund the cost of 2 insurance authorized to be contracted for by this Subsection for the clerk, his employees, and dependents of the clerk and the clerk's employees. No reduction of 3 the insured's contribution shall be made on insurance contracts presently in effect. 4 5 All costs for group insurance paid out of the clerk's salary and expense fund shall be included in each clerk's budget. The clerk or, clerk's employee, or retiree shall pay 6 7 any portion of the insurance cost that is not paid from the clerk's salary and expense 8 fund. 9 (3) The clerk or any clerk's employee that who was a covered employee,

10who elects to continue coverage, and whoretires under the clerks of court11retirement program may elect to continue insurance coverage obtained under this12Subsection and the costs may be paid in the same manner as if he were still13employed provided that the clerk or clerk's employee was a clerk or clerk's employee14and a member of the Louisiana Clerks' of Court Retirement and Relief Fund for at15least twelve years prior to retirement and begins receiving retirement benefits16immediately upon retirement from active employment.

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(6) In the parishes of Beauregard, East Carroll, Jefferson Davis, Rapides, 18 19 Richland, and Vernon, the clerk of court shall pay, from the clerk's salary fund, one hundred percent of the premium costs of the group life and accidental death and 20 21 dismemberment, group health, accident, dental, hospital, surgical, or other medical expense for any employee that who was a covered employee, who elects to 22 continue coverage, and who retires from the Beauregard Parish clerk of court's 23 24 office, the East Carroll Parish clerk of court's office, the Jefferson Davis Parish clerk of court's office, the Rapides Parish clerk of court's office, the Richland Parish clerk 25 of court's office, or the Vernon Parish clerk of court's office who is entitled to receive 26 27 begins receiving monthly benefits from the Louisiana Clerks' of Court Retirement and Relief Fund immediately upon retirement from active employment and has 28 29 at least twenty years of full-time service with the clerk of court's office in

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Beauregard Parish, East Carroll Parish, Jefferson Davis Parish, Rapides Parish, Richland Parish, or Vernon Parish. The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to any other insurance, such as supplemental insurance, that an employee may elect to purchase.

(7) In the parishes of Avoyelles, Bossier, Caddo, Calcasieu, Caldwell, 5 Cameron, Franklin, Grant, Iberia, Lafayette, LaSalle, Orleans, Ouachita, Pointe 6 7 Coupee, St. Martin, Terrebonne, Webster, West Feliciana, and Winn, the clerk of 8 court shall pay, from the clerk's salary fund, one hundred percent of the premium 9 costs of the group life and accidental death and dismemberment, group health, 10 accident, dental, hospital, surgical, or other medical expense insurance for any 11 employee that who was a covered employee, who elects to continue coverage, and who retires from the Avoyelles Parish clerk of court's office, Bossier Parish clerk of 12 13 court's office, the Caddo Parish clerk of court's office, the Calcasieu Parish clerk of court's office, the Caldwell Parish clerk of court's office, the Cameron Parish clerk 14 of court's office, the Franklin Parish clerk of court's office, the Grant Parish clerk of 15 16 court's office, the Iberia Parish clerk of court's office, the Lafayette Parish clerk of court's office, the LaSalle Parish clerk of court's office, the Orleans Parish Civil 17 District Court clerk of court's office, the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court clerk 18 19 of court's office, the Ouachita Parish clerk of court's office, the Pointe Coupee Parish 20 clerk of court's office, the St. Martin Parish clerk of court's office, the Terrebonne 21 Parish clerk of court's office, the Webster Parish clerk of court's office, the West Feliciana Parish clerk of court's office, or the Winn Parish clerk of court's office who 22 is entitled to receive begins receiving monthly benefits from the Louisiana Clerks' 23 of Court Retirement and Relief Fund immediately upon retirement from active 24 25 **<u>employment</u>**, who has at least twenty years of full-time service with the clerk of court's office in Avoyelles Parish, Bossier Parish, Caddo Parish, Calcasieu Parish, 26 27 Caldwell Parish, Cameron Parish, Franklin Parish, Grant Parish, Iberia Parish, 28 Lafayette Parish, LaSalle Parish, Ouachita Parish, Pointe Coupee Parish, St. Martin 29 Parish, Terrebonne Parish, Webster Parish, West Feliciana Parish, or Winn Parish,

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Orleans Parish Civil District Court, or Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, and who is at least fifty-five years of age. The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to any other insurance, such as supplemental insurance, that an employee may elect to purchase.

(8) The clerk of court of East Baton Rouge Parish shall pay from the clerk's 5 salary fund one hundred percent of the premium costs of the group life and 6 accidental death and dismemberment, group health, accident, dental, hospital, 7 8 surgical, or other medical expense insurance for any clerk or employee that who was 9 a covered employee, who elects to continue coverage, and who retires from the 10 East Baton Rouge Parish clerk of court's office who is entitled to receive begins 11 receiving monthly benefits from the Louisiana Clerks' of Court Retirement and 12 Relief Fund immediately upon retirement from active employment, who has at 13 least twelve years of full-time service with the clerk of court's office in East Baton Rouge Parish, and who is at least fifty-five years of age. The provisions of this 14 Paragraph shall not apply to any other insurance, such as supplemental insurance, 15 16 that any clerk or any employee may elect to purchase.

(9) The clerk of court of St. James Parish, provided sufficient amounts are 17 available, shall pay from the clerk's salary fund one hundred percent of the premium 18 19 costs of the group life and accidental death and dismemberment, group health, accident, dental, hospital, surgical, or other medical expense insurance for any clerk 20 21 or employee that who was a covered employee, who elects to continue coverage, and who retires from the St. James Parish clerk of court's office who is entitled to 22 receive begins receiving monthly benefits from the Louisiana Clerks' of Court 23 24 Retirement and Relief Fund immediately upon retirement from active employment, who has at least twenty years of full-time service with the clerk of 25 court's office in St. James Parish, and who is at least fifty-five years of age. The 26 27 provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to any other insurance, such as supplemental insurance, that an employee may elect to purchase. 28

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(10) The clerk of court of Acadia Parish shall pay from the clerk's salary

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1	fund one hundred percent of the premium costs of the group life and accidental death
2	and dismemberment, group health, accident, dental, hospital, surgical, or other
3	medical expense insurance for any clerk or employee that who was a covered
4	employee, who elects to continue coverage, and who retires from the Acadia
5	Parish clerk of court's office who is entitled to receive begins receiving monthly
6	benefits from the Louisiana Clerks' of Court Retirement and Relief Fund
7	immediately upon retirement from active employment, who has at least twenty
8	years of full-time service with the clerk of court's office in Acadia Parish, and is at
9	least fifty-five years of age. The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to any
10	other insurance, such as supplemental insurance, that an employee may elect to
11	purchase.
12	Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
13	signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
14	by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
15	vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become

16 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

	DIGEST	
SB 206 Engrossed	2021 Regular Session	Cortez

<u>Present law</u> provides that each of the clerks of court of the district courts is authorized to contract separately or through the insurance committee that administers the clerk's insurance fund to obtain insurance from any insurance company authorized to do business in Louisiana. Further provides that such insurance may cover the clerk of court, the clerk's employees, dependents of the clerk, and dependents of the clerk's employees.

Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the clerk of court shall pay from the clerk's salary fund, 100% of the premium costs of the group life and accidental death and dismemberment, group health, accident, dental, hospital, surgical, or other medical expense insurance for any employee that retires with at least 20 years of full-time service, is at least 55 years of age, and is eligible to receive monthly benefits from the La. Clerk's of Court Retirement and Relief Fund.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and requires that the retiree must elect to continue the coverage upon retirement.

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Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 13:783(F)(1)-(3) and (6)-(10))