

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 77

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

CLERKS OF COURT: Provides for the payment of certain insurance premiums for employees of the clerk of court in Lincoln Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:783(F)(13) and (14), relative to group insurance expenses of the office of  
3 the clerk of court; to provide for the payment of group insurance premiums for  
4 certain retirees of the Lincoln Parish Clerk of Court; to provide for the payment of  
5 group insurance premiums for certain retirees of the Lafourche Parish Clerk of  
6 Court; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 13:783(F)(13) and (14) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §783. Expenses of clerk's office

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13 (13) The clerk of court of Lincoln Parish shall pay from the clerk's salary  
14 fund one hundred percent of the premium costs of the group life and accidental death  
15 and dismemberment, group health, accident, dental, hospital, surgical, or other  
16 medical expense insurance for any clerk or employee who was a covered employee,  
17 who elects to continue coverage, and who retires from the office of the Lincoln  
18 Parish Clerk of Court and begins receiving monthly benefits from the Louisiana  
19 Clerks' of Court Retirement and Relief Fund immediately upon retirement from

1       active employment with at least twenty years of full-time service with the office of  
 2       the Lincoln Parish Clerk of Court, and who is at least fifty-five years of age. The  
 3       provisions of this Paragraph do not apply to any other insurance, such as  
 4       supplemental insurance, that an employee may elect to purchase.

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

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#### DIGEST

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HB 77 Engrossed

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Turner

**Abstract:** Requires the clerks of court of Lincoln and Lafourche Parishes to pay for specified group insurance premiums for eligible retirees.

Present law authorizes the clerk of any district court to contract for group insurance for the clerk of court, employees, and dependants of the clerk or the clerk's employees.

Present law provides that the clerk or any covered clerk's employee who retires under the clerk of court retirement program may elect to continue insurance coverage under the program if employed for at least 12 years prior to retirement. Provides that costs may be paid in the same manner as if the retiree were still employed by the clerk of court.

Present law provides that the covered employee begins receiving retirement benefits immediately upon retirement from active employment.

Proposed law retains present law and requires the Lincoln Parish Clerk of Court to pay the full amount of all insurance premiums for all retirees who have worked with the office of the Lincoln Parish Clerk of Court for at least 20 years and who meets the age requirement for retirement.

Proposed law further requires the Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court to pay the full amount of all insurance premiums for all retirees who have worked with the office of the Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court for at least 20 years and who meets the age requirement for retirement.

(Adds R.S. 13:783(F)(13) and (14))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Add the Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court to the requirement to pay the full amount of all insurance premiums for all retirees who have worked with the office for at least 20 years and who are at least 55 years old.