Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 174

## BY REPRESENTATIVE ARNOLD

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

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 13:782(A) and to repeal R.S. 13:782(K), relative to clerks of
3	districts courts; to provide for an increase in annual compensation for clerks of
4	district courts; to require annual certification training; and to provide for related
5	matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 13:782(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
8	§782. Compensation of clerks
9	A.(1) Clerks of district courts of the various parishes shall establish their
10	own rates of annual compensation for their services, payable out of the clerk's salary
11	fund, which rates shall not exceed the following amounts based on the applicable
12	population of the respective parishes, according to the latest United States census or
13	the population estimates published pursuant to the United States Bureau of the
14	Census Federal State Cooperative Program for Population Estimates as follows:
15	Population Compensation
16	(a) Less than 50,000 \$ 88,000
17	(b) 50,000-200,000 \$ 98,000
18	(c) Over 200,000 \$108,000
19	(d) The annual compensation for each population class shall be increased by
20	four percent annually through Fiscal Year 2016-2017. The applicable compensation
21	for each fiscal year shall be used to calculate any compensation granted by
22	Subsection J of this Section for the fiscal year.

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1 (2) A clerk is eligible to receive a salary increase as provided for by this 2 Subsection if the clerk completes the annual certification updates and renewal 3 courses as provided for in Subparagraph (I)(4)(c) of this Section. 4 (3) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit clerks from 5 participation in an approved state deferred compensation plan as specified in R.S. 6 42:1301 et seq. A clerk shall not authorize or receive an employer contribution that 7 would be more favorable than that offered to the employees of the clerk's office. 8 9 Section 2. R.S. 13:782(K) is hereby repealed in its entirety. 10 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not 11 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature 12 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If 13 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become 14 effective on the day following such approval. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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