
SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Morris to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 217 by Senator Morris

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, change "R.S. 13:1136, 1137(B)" to "R.S. 13:1137(B)"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 5, change "1347(D)" to "1347(D), (F), and (G)"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 3

6 On page 1, line 8, after "Expense Fund;" insert "to provide for an effective date;"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 4

8 On page 1, line 10, change "R.S. 13:1136, 1137(B)" to "R.S. 13:1137(B)"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 5

10 On page 1, line 13, change "follows;" to "follows:"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 6

12 On page 1, delete lines 14 through 17 in their entirety

13 AMENDMENT NO. 7

14 Delete page 2

15 AMENDMENT NO. 8

16 On page 3, delete lines 1 through 5 in their entirety

17 AMENDMENT NO. 9

18 On page 6, delete line 12

19 AMENDMENT NO. 10

20 On page 6, line 15, change "twelve" to "~~twelve~~ nine"

21 AMENDMENT NO. 11

22 On page 6, line 17, change "four" to "three"

23 AMENDMENT NO. 12

24 On page 8, at the end of line 22, insert the following:

25 **"Unless otherwise provided by any rule adopted by the court in accordance with**
26 **this Paragraph, the commissioners shall have the same authority for cases**
27 **within the jurisdiction of the Orleans Criminal Court as a commissioner**
28 **pursuant to R.S. 13:713, including the authority to make a report and**
29 **recommendation to the judges concerning claims for post-conviction relief by**
30 **the incarcerated.**

1 **(4) The salaries of commissioners may be optionally supplemented by the**
2 **city of New Orleans or the Consolidated Judicial Expense Fund for the parish**
3 **of Orleans, as determined by its executive committee, provided that total**
4 **compensation in accordance with this Section shall not exceed that for a**
5 **commissioner pursuant to R. S. 13:713.**"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 13

7 On page 9, line 21, change "ten" to "**ten nine**"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 14

9 On page 9, at the end of line 28, delete "at least"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 15

11 On page 9, line 29, change "thirteen law clerks, and at least four secretaries" to "~~thirteen law~~
12 ~~clerks, and at least four secretaries~~ **and law clerks and secretaries for each section at**
13 **amounts approved by the executive committee of the Consolidated Judicial Expense**
14 **Fund for the parish of Orleans,"**

15 AMENDMENT NO. 16

16 On page 11, line 1, after "C." insert "**(1)**"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 17

18 On page 11, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

19 **"(2) The judges, en banc, may appoint a hearing officer in the same**
20 **manner as any district court or may appoint a commissioner to perform duties**
21 **in accordance with the rules of the court as prescribed by the elected judges that**
22 **are in accordance with the Louisiana Constitution and do not exceed authority**
23 **otherwise provided for in the law for a hearing officer or commissioner in a**
24 **district court in the state. Nothing in this Section shall require additional**
25 **appropriation from the city of New Orleans without its consent."**

26 AMENDMENT NO. 18

27 On page 12, line 2, change "**The**" to "**Excluding the judgeships provided for in**
28 **Paragraph (5) of this Subsection and notwithstanding any other provision of this**
29 **Subsection, the**"

30 AMENDMENT NO. 19

31 On page 12, line 11, change "1347(D)" to "1347(D), (F), and (G)"

32 AMENDMENT NO. 20

33 On page 12, after line 11, insert the following:

34 "Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
35 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
36 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
37 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
38 effective on the day following such approval."