
DIGEST

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HB No. 1010

Abstract: Provides that title to all furniture and equipment purchased or owned by the courts of appeal is vested in the purchasing court and further authorizes any judge to purchase furniture and equipment upon termination of office.

Present law authorizes the clerk of each court of appeal to collect certain fees for filings and copies and to allocate those collected fees for payment of premiums on fidelity bonds and to retain the balance on those fees for expenses related to the operation of the court and the clerk's office.

Present law provides that after costs of operations and premiums on fidelity bonds are paid that any remaining balance will be expended to reimburse the judges of the courts of appeal for expenses related to their office which are incurred while on official duty, payable out of the self-generated funds in an amount established annually by the Conference of the Court of Appeal Judges, subject to final approval by the Supreme Court of La.

Present law authorizes the judges of the courts of appeal to draw a monthly warrant on the state for 1/12 of the annual appropriation as made by the legislature for the expense and operation of the court.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires title to all furniture and equipment purchased or in the possession of the courts of appeal to be vested with the respective court of appeal.

Proposed law requires the purchase of furniture and equipment to be purchased by the presiding judge or any judge, by the direction of the court, in accordance with policies of the Judicial Budgetary Control Board and the presentation of itemized statements from judges setting forth in detail the items to be purchased.

Proposed law authorizes each judge upon termination of office to purchase with nonpublic funds any furniture or equipment in his possession at the depreciated value.

Proposed law authorizes the clerk, presiding judge, or any judge at direction of the court, to complete the sale and retain the proceeds to be expended in accordance with the provisions of present law regarding the use of fees collected by each clerk of the courts of appeal.

(Amends R.S. 13:392; Adds R.S. 13:352(D), (E), and (F))