

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 106

BY SENATOR GALLOT

LEGISLATORS. Requires the state to allow legislators to use surplus space in a state building for a legislative office within their district. (8/1/12)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 24:31.4(E), relative to legislators; to authorize and provide for surplus space in state-owned property to be utilized as offices for legislators; to provide for a procedure for requesting such space; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 24:31.4(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§31.4. Members' office allowance

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E. The commissioner of administration shall implement and maintain a procedure wherein, at no cost to a legislator, surplus space in immovable property owned by the state and located within a legislator's district can be utilized as the legislator's office. A legislator seeking to utilize such surplus space as his office shall make a written request for such space to the commissioner. Priority for such space shall be given to legislators in the order in which the requests are received.

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

DIGEST

Gallot (SB 106)

Present law provides for a monthly allowance of \$500 for members of the legislature for payment of rent for office space for their legislative offices.

Proposed law retains present law and directs the commissioner of administration to implement and maintain a procedure wherein, at no cost to a legislator, surplus space in immovable properties owned by the state can be utilized for the purpose of establishing a legislative office within the legislator's district.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Adds R.S. 24:31.4(E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Clarifies that space must be surplus rather than vacant.
2. Clarifies that the space must be within a legislator's district.