DIGEST

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Burford HB No. 23

Abstract: Authorizes an automobile expense allowance equal to 15% of certain clerks' annual salaries provided that a certain amount of automobile insurance is maintained.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes each of the clerks of the district courts to purchase an automobile for office use after obtaining consent of the governing authority of the parish.

Present law authorizes the clerks of the district courts of the parishes of Acadia Parish, Cameron Parish, East Feliciana Parish, Franklin Parish, Iberia Parish, Red River Parish, St. Charles Parish, St. Landry Parish, St. Tammany Parish, Tangipahoa Parish, Vermilion Parish, Washington Parish, West Baton Rouge Parish, and West Feliciana Parish to receive an automobile expense allowance equal to 15% of their annual salary provided the clerk of court maintains \$300,000 of automobile insurance per accident for bodily injury and \$100,000 of automobile insurance per accident for property damage.

<u>Present law</u> requires the expense allowance to come from surplus funds in each of the offices of the clerks of court and at no additional expense to the state or local governing authority.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds the clerks for the district court of Bienville Parish, Bossier Parish, Caddo Parish, Claiborne Parish, DeSoto Parish, Lincoln Parish, and Webster Parish.

(Amends R.S. 13:783(D)(7))