

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.

CLERKS OF COURT: Provides for an increase in salary for clerks of court

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:

Population	Compensation
(a) Less than 50,000	\$ 88,000
(b) 50,000-200,000	\$ 98,000
(c) Over 200,000	\$108,000
19 <u>(d) Beginning in Fiscal Year 2012-2013, the compensation for each</u>	
20 <u>population class shall be increased by four percent for each year through Fiscal Year</u>	

(3) Over 200,000 \$108,000

Proposed law authorizes a 4% increase beginning in FY 2012-2013 through FY 2016-2017.

Proposed law provides that the applicable fiscal year compensation should be used to calculate the increase authorized by present law for approved completion of the clerks of court certification program.

Proposed law requires that a clerk must complete the annual certification update and renewal course to be eligible to receive the salary increase.

Proposed law deletes an obsolete provision of present law which provides that the clerks' salary begins in FY 1997-1998.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 13:782(A); Repeals R.S. 13:782(K))