

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 23

BY REPRESENTATIVE BURFORD

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

COURTS: Provides for an automobile allowance for the clerk of court of certain parishes

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:783(D)(7), relative to expenses of the clerks of court; to
3 authorize an automobile expense allowance for the clerks of court for certain
4 parishes; to require the purchase of automobile insurance for bodily injury and
5 property damage; to allocate surplus funds to the expense allowance; to prohibit
6 additional expenses from being paid by the state or local governing authority; and
7 to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 13:783(D)(7) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §783. Expenses of clerk's office

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12 D.

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14 (7) In Acadia Parish, Bienville Parish, Bossier Parish, Caddo Parish,
15 Cameron Parish, Claiborne Parish, DeSoto Parish, East Feliciana Parish, Franklin
16 Parish, Iberia Parish, Lincoln Parish, Morehouse Parish, Natchitoches Parish,
17 Ouachita Parish, Red River Parish, St. Charles Parish, St. Helena Parish, St. Landry
18 Parish, St. Tammany Parish, Tangipahoa Parish, Vermilion Parish, Washington
19 Parish, Webster Parish, West Baton Rouge Parish, and West Feliciana Parish, the
20 clerks of the district courts of those parishes may receive an automobile expense

1 allowance equal to fifteen percent of their annual salary provided the clerk of court
 2 maintains three hundred thousand dollars of automobile insurance per accident for
 3 bodily injury and one hundred thousand dollars of automobile insurance per accident
 4 for property damage. The expense allowance shall come from surplus funds in each
 5 of the offices of the clerks of court and at no additional expense to the state or local
 6 governing authority.

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DIGEST

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

Present law 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 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.

Present law 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.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the clerks for the district court of Bienville Parish, Bossier Parish, Caddo Parish, Claiborne Parish, DeSoto Parish, Lincoln Parish, Morehouse Parish, Natchitoches Parish, Ouachita Parish, St. Helena Parish, and Webster Parish.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill.

1. Added authorization for the clerks for the district courts of Morehouse, Natchitoches, Ouachita, and St. Helena parishes to receive an automobile expense allowance equal to 15% of their salary provided the clerk maintains automobile insurance.