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## 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.

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.