
DIGEST

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HB No. 174

Abstract: Authorizes a 4% increase in compensation for clerks of district courts through Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Present law authorizes clerks of district courts of the various parishes to establish their own rates of annual compensation not to exceed a certain amount, based on the population of their parishes according to the latest U.S. census or estimates published pursuant to the U.S. Bureau of the Census Federal State Cooperative Program for Population Estimates.

Present law further provides that the annual compensation cannot exceed the following amounts based on population:

Population:	Compensation:
(1) Less than 50,000	\$ 88,000
(2) 50,000-200,000	\$ 98,000
(3) Over 200,000	\$108,000

Proposed law authorizes an annual 4% increase 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))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Changed the increase in salary from beginning in Fiscal Year 2012-2013 to an annual increase through Fiscal Year 2016-2017.