Arnold (HB 174) Act No. 380

<u>Existing law</u> 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.

<u>Existing law</u> 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

New law authorizes an annual 4% increase through FY 2016-2017.

<u>New law</u> provides that the applicable fiscal year compensation should be used to calculate the increase authorized by <u>existing law</u> for approved completion of the clerks of court certification program.

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

<u>Prior law</u> contained an outdated provision establishing that the clerk's salary begins in FY 1997-1998.

New law deletes prior law.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 18, 2013).

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