DIGEST

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DIGEST

Morrish (SB 38)

<u>Present law</u> 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, Bienville Parish, Bossier Parish, Caddo Parish, Cameron Parish, Claiborne Parish, DeSoto Parish, East Feliciana Parish, Franklin Parish, Iberia Parish, Lincoln Parish, Morehouse Parish, Natchitoches Parish, Ouachita Parish, Red River Parish, St. Charles Parish, St. Helena Parish, St. Landry Parish, St. Tammany Parish, Tangipahoa Parish, Vermilion Parish, Washington Parish, Webster 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> deletes the enumerated list of parishes and authorizes the clerk of <u>each</u> district court 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.

<u>Present law</u> 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.

Effective August 1, 2014.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

<u>Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to the engrossed bill</u>

1. Adds St. Martin Parish and St. Mary Parish to the list of parishes in which the clerks of the district courts are authorized, after obtaining consent of the governing authority of the parish, to purchase an automobile for office use and receive an automobile expense allowance.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Adds St. Bernard Parish to the list of parishes in which the clerks of the district courts are authorized, after obtaining consent of the governing authority of the parish, to purchase an automobile for office use and receive an automobile expense allowance.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Judiciary</u> to the <u>engrossed</u> bill.

1. Removed all references to individual parishes and authorized the clerk of each district court to receive an automobile allowance.