

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 597

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

CLERKS OF COURT: Authorizes an automobile expense allowance for the St. Charles Parish Clerk of Court

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:783(D)(1)(a) and (7), relative to the clerk of court for St.
3 Charles Parish; to authorize an automobile expense allowance for the St. Charles
4 Parish Clerk of Court; to require automobile insurance for bodily injury and property
5 damage; to allocate surplus funds to the expense allowance; to prohibit additional
6 expenses to be paid by the state or local governing authority; and to provide for
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

11 §783. Expenses of clerk's office

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13 D.(1)(a)(i) Each of the clerks of the district courts is hereby authorized to
14 purchase, out of any surplus in his salary fund, an automobile for the use of his
15 office, after having first obtained the consent of the governing authority of the parish.

16 (ii) However, the consent of the governing authority shall not be necessary
17 as to any clerk of court who, prior to July 29, 1970, has purchased an automobile
18 under authority of any previously enacted law.

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1 (7) In Acadia Parish, Iberia Parish, Red River Parish, St. Charles Parish, St.
2 Tammany Parish, Tangipahoa Parish, and Washington Parish, the clerks of the
3 district courts of those parishes may receive an automobile expense allowance equal
4 to fifteen percent of their annual salary provided the clerk of court maintains three
5 hundred thousand dollars of automobile insurance per accident for bodily injury and
6 one hundred thousand dollars of automobile insurance per accident for property
7 damage. The expense allowance shall come from surplus funds in each of the offices
8 of the clerks of court and at no additional expense to the state or local governing
9 authority.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the clerk of court of St. Charles Parish to receive an automobile expense allowance equal to 15% of the clerk's annual salary provided that a certain amount of automobile insurance is maintained.

Present law authorizes the clerks of the district courts of the parishes of Acadia, Iberia, Red River, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington 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 clerk for the district court of St. Charles Parish.

(Amends R.S. 13:783(D)(1)(a) and (7))