

SENATE BILL NO. 197

BY SENATOR CATHEY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:1925.13, relative to assessors; to provide relative to an automobile expense allowance; to provide relative to requirements and funding of such allowance; to require an affidavit verifying nonuse; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. 47:1925.13 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1925.13. Automobile expense allowance

A. An assessor may receive an automobile expense allowance not to exceed fifteen percent of his annual salary provided the assessor maintains three hundred thousand dollars of automobile insurance per accident for bodily injury and one hundred thousand dollars of automobile insurance per accident for property damage. The expense allowance shall come from existing funds in the assessor's office and at no additional expense to the state or local governing authority. Any assessor receiving the car allowance provided for by this Section shall submit an affidavit to the legislative auditor on or before January 31 of each year verifying that they did not use an office automobile during the preceding year.

B. An assessor receiving the automobile expense allowance authorized pursuant to the provisions of this Section for the operation and maintenance of a personal automobile shall be prohibited from operating an automobile paid for and maintained by the assessor's office. However, the provisions of this Subsection shall not prohibit an assessor from operating an automobile paid for and maintained by the assessor's office if the assessor's operation of the automobile is limited to occasional use only.

1 C. The first time the assessor chooses to use the automobile expense
 2 allowance pursuant to this Section, the assessor shall publish in the official
 3 journal of the parish wherein the office is located his choice to receive the
 4 expense allowance.

5 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 6 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 7 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 8 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 9 effective on the day following such approval.

 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____