

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 10

BY REPRESENTATIVE TERRY BROWN

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:996.46(C), relative to the Thirty-Fifth Judicial District Court;  
3 to authorize the use of money in the Thirty-Fifth Judicial Expense Fund to pay  
4 personnel health insurance premiums, certification fees, continuing education fees,  
5 and capital expenditures; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:996.46(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §996.46. Judicial expense fund for Thirty-Fifth Judicial District

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10 C.(1) The judge of the Thirty-Fifth Judicial District Court may, in lieu of all  
11 or any part of the fees for reporting and transcribing testimony authorized under the  
12 provisions of R.S. 13:961(F), or other applicable laws, and in addition to salaries  
13 otherwise provided, authorized, or established by law, fix and pay his court reporters  
14 a salary from the judicial expense fund. The judge may further appoint ~~such~~  
15 secretarial, clerical, research, administrative, or other personnel as he deems  
16 necessary to expedite the business and function of the court. ~~and~~ The judge may fix  
17 and pay all or any part of the salaries, health insurance premiums, certification fees,  
18 or continuing education fees of court reporters or appointed ~~of such~~ personnel out of  
19 the monies in the judicial expense fund.

20 (2) In like manner, Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
21 contrary, the judge may utilize the monies in the judicial expense fund to pay all or  
22 any part of the cost of establishing or maintaining a law library for the court, for the

1           renovation, improvement, or purchasing of existing structures or construction of new  
2           structures to be used for any purposes incidental to, or related to, the proper  
3           administration or function of the court or the office of the judge, or for buying or  
4           maintaining any type of equipment, supplies, or other items consistent with or  
5           germane to the efficient operation of the court. For purposes of this Paragraph, the  
6           judge may utilize monies in the judicial expense fund for capital outlay expenses  
7           associated with the renovation or construction of the courthouse or office of the  
8           judge including but not limited to design, demolition, construction, materials,  
9           supplies, equipment, and labor.

10                   (3) In general, the judicial expense fund is established and may be used for  
11           any purposes ~~connected with, incidental to or~~ related to the proper administration or  
12           function of the ~~said~~ court or ~~the~~ office of the judge ~~thereof~~, and is in addition to any  
13           and all other funds, salaries, expenses, or other monies that are ~~now or hereafter~~  
14           provided, authorized, or established by law ~~for any of the aforesaid purposes.~~

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_