

2021 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 197

BY SENATOR CATHEY

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

ASSESSORS. Provides for vehicle allowances for assessors. (gov sig)

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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

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 Louisiana Legislative Auditor on or before January 31 of each year verifying that they did not use an office automobile during the preceding year.

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by James Benton.

DIGEST

SB 197 Engrossed

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Present law provides that in the Iberia Parish Assessment District and the Jefferson Davis Parish Assessment District, the assessor may receive an automobile expense allowance equal to 15% of his annual salary provided the assessor maintains \$300,000 of automobile insurance per accident for bodily injury and \$100,000 of automobile insurance per accident for property damage.

Present law provides that in the assessment districts in Assumption, Iberville, Lafayette, Pointe Coupee, and Webster parishes, the assessor may receive an automobile expense allowance not to exceed 15% of his annual salary provided the assessor maintains \$300,000 of automobile insurance per accident for bodily injury and \$100,000 of automobile insurance per accident for property damage. Provides that the expense allowance must come from existing funds in the assessor's office and at no additional expense to the state or local governing authority.

Proposed law provides that all assessors in the state may receive an automobile expense allowance not to exceed 15% of his annual salary provided the assessor maintains \$300k of automobile insurance per accident for bodily injury and \$100k of automobile insurance per accident for property damage.

Proposed law further provides that the expense allowance will come from existing funds in the assessor's office and at no additional expense to the state or local governing authority.

Proposed law provides that any assessor receiving the car allowance provided for by this Section shall submit an affidavit to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor on or before January 31 of each year verifying that he did not use an office automobile during the preceding year.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 47:1925.13)