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HOUSE BILL NO. 373

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GALLE, GREEN, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, MACK, ORGERON, WILEY, AND
ZERINGUE

VETERANS: Provides relative to veterans' service offices

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 29:262, relative to veterans' service offices; to require
3 maintenance of veterans' service offices; to provide requirements of the type of
4 office space; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 29:262 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §262. Service offices; suitable office space

8 Police juries and municipal governing authorities shall provide and be
9 responsible for suitable and professional office space; for the operation of veterans'
10 service offices established pursuant to R.S. 29:261. Each office space shall be
11 located in a safe and accommodating environment, be free of necessary repairs, and
12 have restroom facilities. However, the cost of providing such office space shall not
13 be considered as any payment or contribution required of a police jury or municipal
14 governing authority toward the expense of operation and maintenance of such
15 service offices.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Adds additional requirements for veterans' service offices.

Present law requires police juries and municipal governing authorities to provide office space for the operation of veterans' services.

Present law also provides that the cost of providing veterans' office space is not payment or contribution required of a police jury or municipal governing authority toward the expense of operation and maintenance of such service offices.

Proposed law retains present law but requires police juries and municipal governing authorities to be responsible for suitable and professional office space which includes the office being located in a safe and accommodating environment, being free of necessary repairs, and having restroom facilities.

(Amends R.S. 29:262)