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CLERKS OF COURT EN +\$352,127 LF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides relative to salary increases for clerks of court

Present law authorizes the clerks of district courts to establish their own rates of annual compensation, payable out of the clerk's salary fund, provided that the rates shall not exceed the following amounts based on applicable population of the respective parish: (1) Compensation of \$88,000 for a population less than 50,000 (2) Compensation of \$98,000 for a population between 50,000-200,000 (3) Compensation of \$108,000 for a population over 200,000. Present law further authorized increases for each population class by four percent (4%) each year from FY 14 through FY 17. Proposed law retains present law. Proposed law additionally increases the annual compensation for each population class by five percent (5%) each year through FY 28.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$352,127	\$369,734	\$388,220	\$407,632	\$0	\$1,517,713
Annual Total	\$352,127	\$369,734	\$388,220	\$407,632	\$0	\$1,517,713

REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation is anticipated to increase local expenditures at the district clerk of court offices by a maximum of \$352,127 in FY 25, \$369,734 in FY 26, \$388,220 in FY 27, and \$407,632 in FY 28 associated with an annual increase of 5% in base compensation each year for the next four years.

By FY 28, proposed law increases the maximum base compensation for clerks of court as follows:

- (1) Compensation of \$125,133 for a population less than 50,000 (43 clerks)
- (2) Compensation of \$139,353 for a population between 50,000-200,000 (14 clerks)
- (3) Compensation of \$153,573 for a population over 200,000 (8 clerks)

Based on the July 1, 2022 census population estimate, 43 clerks are in range 1, 14 are in range 2, and 8 are in range 3.


Population	Current Max Salary	# of Clerks	Total Salary	5% Annual Increase			
				FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28
less than 50,000	\$102,948	43	\$4,426,745	\$221,337	\$232,404	\$244,024	\$256,226
between 50,000-200,000	\$114,646	14	\$1,605,046	\$80,252	\$84,265	\$88,478	\$92,902
over 200,000	\$126,345	8	<u>\$1,010,758</u>	<u>\$50,538</u>	<u>\$53,065</u>	<u>\$55,718</u>	<u>\$58,504</u>
		65	\$7,042,549	\$352,127	\$369,734	\$388,220	\$407,632

Note: Each of Louisiana's 64 parishes has a clerk of court, and there are separate clerks in Orleans Parish for the civil and criminal district courts. Not all 65 clerks are compensated at the full amount allowed by law. However, the above figures are based on the maximum salary.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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