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HOUSE BILL NO. 41

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BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

APPROPRIATIONS/JUDGMENT: Appropriates funds for payment of the consent judgment against the state in the suit entitled Brunet et al. v. State of Louisiana et al.

AN ACT

2 Relative to the appropriation of monies out of the state general fund to be used to pay the 3 consent judgment captioned "Rodney Dean Brunet and Nora Earline Brunet 4 individually, and on behalf of Rodney Darrell Brunet versus State of Louisiana, 5 Department of Transportation and Development, Michelle Rae Chenevert, and Central Louisiana Electric Company" between the state of Louisiana, through the 6 7 Department of Transportation and Development, and Rodney Darrell Brunet and 8 Nora Earline Brunet; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related 9 matters. 10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 11 Section 1. The sum of Fifty Thousand and No/100 (\$50,000) Dollars is hereby 12 payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for payment of the 13 consent judgment captioned "Rodney Dean Brunet and Nora Earline Brunet individually, 14 and on behalf of Rodney Darrell Brunet versus State of Louisiana, Department of 15 Transportation and Development, Michelle Rae Chenevert, and Central Louisiana Electric 16 Company", signed on January 13, 2025, between the state of Louisiana, through the 17 Department of Transportation and Development, and Rodney Darrell Brunet and Nora 18 Earline Brunet, individually and as substitute plaintiffs for Rodney Dean Brunet, bearing 19 Number 93-9977, Division B, on the docket of the Twelfth Judicial District, parish of 20 Avoyelles, state of Louisiana.

1 Section 2. The judgment may only be paid from this appropriation if it is final and 2 shall be paid as to principal, interest, court costs, and expert witness fees as awarded in the 3 judgment. If the provisions of the judgment conflict with the provisions of this Act, the 4 provisions of the judgment shall be controlling. Any other provision of this Act not in 5 conflict with the provisions of the judgment shall control. Payment shall be made only after 6 presentation to the state treasurer of documentation required by the state treasurer. Further, the judgment shall be deemed to have been paid on the effective date of this Act, and interest 7 8 shall cease to run as of that date. 9 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not 10 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature 11 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If 12 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become 13 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Appropriates \$50,000 out of the State General Fund (Direct) for FY 2024-2025 for payment of the consent judgment against the state in the suit entitled Rodney Dean Brunet et al. v. State of Louisiana et al., bearing No. 93-9977, Division B, on the docket of the 12th Judicial District, parish of Avoyelles.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides relative to payment. Provides relative to conflicts between the judgment and <u>proposed law</u>. Prohibits accrual of interest on the judgment as of the effective date of <u>proposed law</u>.

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