

First Extraordinary Session, 2005

# ACT No. 16

HOUSE BILL NO. 7

BY REPRESENTATIVE SALTER AND SENATOR HINES

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 24:31.4(D), relative to office expense allowances for members of the legislature; to provide for the payment of rent and other expenses for members of the legislature under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 24:31.4(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§31.4. Members' office allowance

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D. However, in the event of a disaster or other emergency which necessitates the temporary relocation of a legislator's district office or in the event a legislator's district office is damaged to an extent that impedes the function of the office, the presiding officer of the house of the legislator may authorize the payment of rent for office space within the state and the reimbursement of other expenses related to the holding or conduct of the legislator's office during the duration of the temporary relocation or district office recovery process, as the case may be. Each such legislator shall be required to file with the presiding officer, prior to payment of such expenses each month, an itemized statement of expenses and appropriate invoices or receipts supporting the same. The total amount of the payment and reimbursement for a legislator's office expenses, including those authorized by this Subsection, shall not exceed the total amount per month for office expenses to which the legislator is otherwise entitled by law and the rules of procedure of his house.

Section 2. This Act is declared to be remedial, curative, and procedural and therefore is to be applied retroactively as well as prospectively.

1           Section 3. 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.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_