

SENATE BILL NO. 120

BY SENATOR MARTINY

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2563.5(B) and 2563.17(A) through (C), and to enact R.S.
3 13:2563.5(C), relative to certain judicial salaries; to provide for the payment of a
4 judge's salary in Ascension Parish; to require the appropriation of amounts sufficient
5 to fully fund the operations of the Parish Court in Ascension Parish; to provide with
6 respect to the disposition of fees deposited into the Ascension Parish Judicial
7 Expense Fund; to provide with respect to authority of the judge of the Ascension
8 Parish Court with regard to the Ascension Parish Judicial Expense Fund; and to
9 provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 13:2563.5(B) and 2563.17(A) through (C) are hereby amended and
12 reenacted and R.S. 13:2563.5(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §2563.5. Judge; qualifications and salary

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15 B. He shall receive an annual salary of not less than sixty-eight thousand five
16 hundred twenty-two dollars, payable monthly on his own warrant by the state of
17 Louisiana, the parish of Ascension, the municipalities within the parish of Ascension,
18 and the judicial expense fund for the Parish Court for the Parish of Ascension,
19 apportioned as follows:

20 (1) The state of Louisiana shall pay the sum of forty-four thousand two
21 hundred sixty-five dollars per annum, **subject to the increases mandated by R.S.**
22 **13:50.**

23 ~~(2) The parish of Ascension shall pay the sum of seven thousand one hundred~~
24 ~~ten dollars per annum.~~

25 ~~(3)~~ (3) The municipalities of Donaldsonville and Gonzales shall each pay the
26 sum of seven thousand one hundred ten dollars per annum.

1 conducted annually an audit of the fund and the books and accounts relating thereto,
2 and shall file the ~~same~~ **audit** with the office of the legislative auditor where it shall
3 be available for public inspection.

4 C. The judicial expense fund is established and may be used for any purpose
5 or purposes connected with, incidental to, or related to the proper administration or
6 function of the said court or the offices of the judge, and is in addition to any and all
7 other funds, salaries, expenses, or other monies that are now or hereafter provided,
8 authorized, or established by law for any of the aforesaid purposes. However, no
9 salary shall be paid from the judicial expense fund to the judge, except the judge
10 appointed temporarily under the provisions of R.S. 13:2563.9 and as provided in R.S.
11 13:2563.5(B)~~(5)~~**(4) and (C)**.

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____