

2021 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 206

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CLERKS OF COURT. Provides relative to group insurance expenses for certain clerks of court. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:783(F)(1) through (3) and (6) through (10), relative to clerks of court; to provide for payment of premium costs for retirees from clerk of court offices; to provide for requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 13:783(F)(1) through (3) and (6) through (10) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§783. Expenses of clerk's office

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F.(1) Each of the clerks of the district courts is authorized to contract separately or through the insurance committee that administers the clerk's insurance fund of the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association to obtain from any insurance company authorized to do business in this state, group life and accidental death and dismemberment, group health, accident, dental, hospital, surgical, or other medical expense and group disability insurance. This insurance may cover the clerk of court, the clerk's employees **and retirees**, dependents of the clerk, and the dependents of the clerk's employees **and retirees**.

1                   (2) The clerk may pay from the clerk's salary and expense fund the cost of  
2 insurance authorized to be contracted for by this Subsection for the clerk, his  
3 employees, and dependents of the clerk and the clerk's employees. No reduction of  
4 the insured's contribution shall be made on insurance contracts presently in effect.  
5 All costs for group insurance paid out of the clerk's salary and expense fund shall be  
6 included in each clerk's budget. The clerk ~~or~~, clerk's employee, **or retiree** shall pay  
7 any portion of the insurance cost that is not paid from the clerk's salary and expense  
8 fund.

9                   (3) The clerk or any clerk's employee ~~that~~ **who was a covered employee,**  
10 **who elects to continue coverage, and who** retires under the clerks of court  
11 retirement program may elect to continue insurance coverage obtained under this  
12 Subsection and the costs may be paid in the same manner as if he were still  
13 employed provided that the clerk or clerk's employee was a clerk or clerk's employee  
14 and a member of the Louisiana Clerks' of Court Retirement and Relief Fund for at  
15 least twelve years prior to retirement **and begins receiving retirement benefits**  
16 **immediately upon retirement from active employment.**

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18                   (6) In the parishes of Beauregard, East Carroll, Jefferson Davis, Rapides,  
19 Richland, and Vernon, the clerk of court shall pay, from the clerk's salary fund, one  
20 hundred percent of the premium costs of the group life and accidental death and  
21 dismemberment, group health, accident, dental, hospital, surgical, or other medical  
22 expense for any employee ~~that~~ **who was a covered employee, who elects to**  
23 **continue coverage, and who** retires from the Beauregard Parish clerk of court's  
24 office, the East Carroll Parish clerk of court's office, the Jefferson Davis Parish clerk  
25 of court's office, the Rapides Parish clerk of court's office, the Richland Parish clerk  
26 of court's office, or the Vernon Parish clerk of court's office who ~~is entitled to receive~~  
27 **begins receiving** monthly benefits from the Louisiana Clerks' of Court Retirement  
28 and Relief Fund **immediately upon retirement from active employment** and has  
29 at least twenty years of full-time service with the clerk of court's office in

1           Beauregard Parish, East Carroll Parish, Jefferson Davis Parish, Rapides Parish,  
2           Richland Parish, or Vernon Parish. The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply  
3           to any other insurance, such as supplemental insurance, that an employee may elect  
4           to purchase.

5           (7) In the parishes of Avoyelles, Bossier, Caddo, Calcasieu, Caldwell,  
6           Cameron, Franklin, Grant, Iberia, Lafayette, LaSalle, Orleans, Ouachita, Pointe  
7           Coupee, St. Martin, Terrebonne, Webster, West Feliciana, and Winn, the clerk of  
8           court shall pay, from the clerk's salary fund, one hundred percent of the premium  
9           costs of the group life and accidental death and dismemberment, group health,  
10          accident, dental, hospital, surgical, or other medical expense insurance for any  
11          employee ~~that~~ **who was a covered employee, who elects to continue coverage, and**  
12          **who** retires from the Avoyelles Parish clerk of court's office, Bossier Parish clerk of  
13          court's office, the Caddo Parish clerk of court's office, the Calcasieu Parish clerk of  
14          court's office, the Caldwell Parish clerk of court's office, the Cameron Parish clerk  
15          of court's office, the Franklin Parish clerk of court's office, the Grant Parish clerk of  
16          court's office, the Iberia Parish clerk of court's office, the Lafayette Parish clerk of  
17          court's office, the LaSalle Parish clerk of court's office, the Orleans Parish Civil  
18          District Court clerk of court's office, the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court clerk  
19          of court's office, the Ouachita Parish clerk of court's office, the Pointe Coupee Parish  
20          clerk of court's office, the St. Martin Parish clerk of court's office, the Terrebonne  
21          Parish clerk of court's office, the Webster Parish clerk of court's office, the West  
22          Feliciana Parish clerk of court's office, or the Winn Parish clerk of court's office who  
23          is ~~entitled to receive~~ **begins receiving** monthly benefits from the Louisiana Clerks'  
24          of Court Retirement and Relief Fund **immediately upon retirement from active**  
25          **employment**, who has at least twenty years of full-time service with the clerk of  
26          court's office in Avoyelles Parish, Bossier Parish, Caddo Parish, Calcasieu Parish,  
27          Caldwell Parish, Cameron Parish, Franklin Parish, Grant Parish, Iberia Parish,  
28          Lafayette Parish, LaSalle Parish, Ouachita Parish, Pointe Coupee Parish, St. Martin  
29          Parish, Terrebonne Parish, Webster Parish, West Feliciana Parish, or Winn Parish,

1 Orleans Parish Civil District Court, or Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, and  
2 who is at least fifty-five years of age. The provisions of this Paragraph shall not  
3 apply to any other insurance, such as supplemental insurance, that an employee may  
4 elect to purchase.

5 (8) The clerk of court of East Baton Rouge Parish shall pay from the clerk's  
6 salary fund one hundred percent of the premium costs of the group life and  
7 accidental death and dismemberment, group health, accident, dental, hospital,  
8 surgical, or other medical expense insurance for any clerk or employee ~~that~~ who was  
9 a covered employee, who elects to continue coverage, and who retires from the  
10 East Baton Rouge Parish clerk of court's office who ~~is entitled to receive~~ begins  
11 receiving monthly benefits from the Louisiana Clerks' of Court Retirement and  
12 Relief Fund immediately upon retirement from active employment, who has at  
13 least twelve years of full-time service with the clerk of court's office in East Baton  
14 Rouge Parish, and who is at least fifty-five years of age. The provisions of this  
15 Paragraph shall not apply to any other insurance, such as supplemental insurance,  
16 that any clerk or any employee may elect to purchase.

17 (9) The clerk of court of St. James Parish, provided sufficient amounts are  
18 available, shall pay from the clerk's salary fund one hundred percent of the premium  
19 costs of the group life and accidental death and dismemberment, group health,  
20 accident, dental, hospital, surgical, or other medical expense insurance for any clerk  
21 or employee ~~that~~ who was a covered employee, who elects to continue coverage,  
22 and who retires from the St. James Parish clerk of court's office who ~~is entitled to~~  
23 ~~receive~~ begins receiving monthly benefits from the Louisiana Clerks' of Court  
24 Retirement and Relief Fund immediately upon retirement from active  
25 employment, who has at least twenty years of full-time service with the clerk of  
26 court's office in St. James Parish, and who is at least fifty-five years of age. The  
27 provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to any other insurance, such as  
28 supplemental insurance, that an employee may elect to purchase.

29 (10) The clerk of court of Acadia Parish shall pay from the clerk's salary

1 fund one hundred percent of the premium costs of the group life and accidental death  
 2 and dismemberment, group health, accident, dental, hospital, surgical, or other  
 3 medical expense insurance for any clerk or employee ~~that~~ **who was a covered**  
 4 **employee, who elects to continue coverage, and who** retires from the Acadia  
 5 Parish clerk of court's office who ~~is entitled to receive~~ **begins receiving** monthly  
 6 benefits from the Louisiana Clerks' of Court Retirement and Relief Fund  
 7 **immediately upon retirement from active employment**, who has at least twenty  
 8 years of full-time service with the clerk of court's office in Acadia Parish, and is at  
 9 least fifty-five years of age. The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to any  
 10 other insurance, such as supplemental insurance, that an employee may elect to  
 11 purchase.

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

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

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	DIGEST	
SB 206 Original	2021 Regular Session	Cortez

Present law provides that each of the clerks of court of the district courts is authorized to contract separately or through the insurance committee that administers the clerk's insurance fund to obtain insurance from any insurance company authorized to do business in Louisiana. Further provides that such insurance may cover the clerk of court, the clerk's employees, dependents of the clerk, and dependents of the clerk's employees.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the clerk of court shall pay from the clerk's salary fund, 100% of the premium costs of the group life and accidental death and dismemberment, group health, accident, dental, hospital, surgical, or other medical expense insurance for any employee that retires with at least 20 years of full-time service, is at least 55 years of age, and is eligible to receive monthly benefits from the La. Clerk's of Court Retirement and Relief Fund.

Proposed law retains present law and requires that the retiree must elect to continue the coverage upon retirement.

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

(Amends R.S. 13:783(F)(1)-(3) and (6)-(10))