

SENATE BILL NO. 206

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

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

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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**.

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

1 accident, dental, hospital, surgical, or other medical expense insurance for any
2 employee ~~that~~ **who was a covered employee, who elects to continue coverage, and**
3 **who** retires from the Avoyelles Parish clerk of court's office, Bossier Parish clerk of
4 court's office, the Caddo Parish clerk of court's office, the Calcasieu Parish clerk of
5 court's office, the Caldwell Parish clerk of court's office, the Cameron Parish clerk
6 of court's office, the Franklin Parish clerk of court's office, the Grant Parish clerk of
7 court's office, the Iberia Parish clerk of court's office, the Lafayette Parish clerk of
8 court's office, the LaSalle Parish clerk of court's office, the Orleans Parish Civil
9 District Court clerk of court's office, the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court clerk
10 of court's office, the Ouachita Parish clerk of court's office, the Pointe Coupee Parish
11 clerk of court's office, the St. Martin Parish clerk of court's office, the Terrebonne
12 Parish clerk of court's office, the Webster Parish clerk of court's office, the West
13 Feliciana Parish clerk of court's office, or the Winn Parish clerk of court's office who
14 ~~is entitled to receive~~ **begins receiving** monthly benefits from the Louisiana Clerks'
15 of Court Retirement and Relief Fund **immediately upon retirement from active**
16 **employment**, who has at least twenty years of full-time service with the clerk of
17 court's office in Avoyelles Parish, Bossier Parish, Caddo Parish, Calcasieu Parish,
18 Caldwell Parish, Cameron Parish, Franklin Parish, Grant Parish, Iberia Parish,
19 Lafayette Parish, LaSalle Parish, Ouachita Parish, Pointe Coupee Parish, St. Martin
20 Parish, Terrebonne Parish, Webster Parish, West Feliciana Parish, or Winn Parish,
21 Orleans Parish Civil District Court, or Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, and
22 who is at least fifty-five years of age. The provisions of this Paragraph shall not
23 apply to any other insurance, such as supplemental insurance, that an employee may
24 elect to purchase.

25 (8) The clerk of court of East Baton Rouge Parish shall pay from the clerk's
26 salary fund one hundred percent of the premium costs of the group life and
27 accidental death and dismemberment, group health, accident, dental, hospital,
28 surgical, or other medical expense insurance for any clerk or employee ~~that~~ **who was**
29 **a covered employee, who elects to continue coverage, and who** retires from the
30 East Baton Rouge Parish clerk of court's office who ~~is entitled to receive~~ **begins**

1 **receiving** monthly benefits from the Louisiana Clerks' of Court Retirement and
2 Relief Fund **immediately upon retirement from active employment**, who has at
3 least twelve years of full-time service with the clerk of court's office in East Baton
4 Rouge Parish, and who is at least fifty-five years of age. The provisions of this
5 Paragraph shall not apply to any other insurance, such as supplemental insurance,
6 that any clerk or any employee may elect to purchase.

7 (9) The clerk of court of St. James Parish, provided sufficient amounts are
8 available, 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 clerk
11 or employee ~~that~~ **who was a covered employee, who elects to continue coverage,**
12 **and who** retires from the St. James Parish clerk of court's office who ~~is entitled to~~
13 ~~receive~~ **begins receiving** monthly benefits from the Louisiana Clerks' of Court
14 Retirement and Relief Fund **immediately upon retirement from active**
15 **employment**, who has at least twenty years of full-time service with the clerk of
16 court's office in St. James Parish, and who is at least fifty-five years of age. The
17 provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to any other insurance, such as
18 supplemental insurance, that an employee may elect to purchase.

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

1 Section 2. 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.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____