To amend and reenact R.S. 24:31.4(A) and (C), relative to the office expense allowance for members of the legislature; to provide for the amount of the allowance; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 24:31.4(A) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§31.4. Members’ office allowance

A. In addition to the salary, per diem, and all other allowances provided by law for members of the legislature, each member of the legislature shall be paid a monthly expense allowance in the amount of five hundred one thousand dollars per month, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for payment of rent for office space in a parish or parishes which he represents, and for payment of the cost of maintaining utilities in said office or offices and for other expenses related to the holding or conduct of their office.

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C. The allowance provided in Subsection A of this Section shall be withdrawn from the treasury and paid to the persons entitled thereto in the same manner as is provided by law for the salary provided in R.S. 24:31.1. Each member shall be required to file with the presiding officer, prior to payment of the allowance each month, an itemized statement of expenses, and appropriate invoices or receipts supporting the same. The amount of the allowance paid to each member each month
shall be equal to the total amount of the itemized statement, provided that in no case shall the total reimbursement exceed five hundred one thousand dollars.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2022; if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2022, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____________________

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