

SENATE BILL NO. 240

BY SENATOR MURRAY

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:1381.7, relative to courts and judicial procedure; to provide relative to the
3 Orleans Parish Criminal District Court; to provide relative to the office of the clerk
4 of court; to provide relative to funding; to provide an effective date; and to provide
5 for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:1381.7 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§1381.7. Clerk of the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court**

9 **A. The legislature finds that adequate funding of the office of Clerk of**
10 **the Criminal District Court for the parish of Orleans is necessary for the**
11 **efficient performance of the powers and duties required of a judicial officer of**
12 **the state. Pursuant to the exercise of the police power of the state, actions for**
13 **obtaining adequate funding are necessary to promote judicial efficiency and to**
14 **protect and promote the lives, health, morals, comfort, and general welfare of**
15 **people as a whole. The amounts to be appropriated and paid by the city of New**
16 **Orleans for expenses, including salaries and maintenance of constitutional**
17 **officers, their deputies, subordinates, and employees shall not be reduced by the**
18 **city of New Orleans without the consent of the legislature.**

19 **B. The legislature further finds that state statutes mandating payment**
20 **by the city of New Orleans to the state's employees and officers of the Clerk for**
21 **the Criminal District Court for the parish of Orleans constitute a valid exercise**
22 **of state's police power, and such statutes do not violate the provisions of the**
23 **Louisiana Constitution of 1921 or the Louisiana Constitution of 1974.**

1 C. Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed as giving to the city
2 of New Orleans any rights, powers, authority, or jurisdiction over any
3 constitutional officers, their deputies, employees, subordinates, or over any state
4 or district officers, their deputies, subordinates, or employees.

5 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2013.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____