

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.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_