

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 38

BY SENATOR MORRISH

CLERKS OF COURT. Includes the clerks of the district courts of Allen Parish, Assumption Parish, Beauregard Parish, Calcasieu Parish, Caldwell Parish, Catahoula Parish, East Carroll Parish, Iberville Parish, Jefferson Davis Parish, LaSalle Parish, Pointe Coupee Parish, St. Bernard Parish, St. Martin Parish, St. Mary Parish, Union Parish and Vernon Parish among those who can receive an automobile expense allowance. (8/1/14)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:783(D)(7), relative to expenses of the clerks of court; to
3 authorize an automobile expense allowance for the clerks of district court for certain
4 parishes; to include the clerks of district court for certain additional parishes within
5 such authorization; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:783(D)(7) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §783. Expenses of clerk's office

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12 (7) In Acadia Parish, Allen Parish, Assumption Parish, Beauregard
13 Parish, Bienville Parish, Bossier Parish, Caddo Parish, Calcasieu Parish, Caldwell
14 Parish, Cameron Parish, Catahoula Parish, Claiborne Parish, DeSoto Parish, East
15 Carroll Parish, East Feliciana Parish, Franklin Parish, Iberia Parish, Iberville
16 Parish, Jefferson Davis Parish, LaSalle Parish, Lincoln Parish, Morehouse Parish,
17 Natchitoches Parish, Ouachita Parish, Pointe Coupee Parish, Red River Parish, St.

1 **Bernard Parish**, St. Charles Parish, St. Helena Parish, St. Landry Parish, **St. Martin**
2 **Parish**, **St. Mary Parish**, St. Tammany Parish, Tangipahoa Parish, **Union Parish**,
3 Vermilion Parish, **Vernon Parish**, Washington Parish, Webster Parish, West Baton
4 Rouge Parish, and West Feliciana Parish, the clerks of the district courts of those
5 parishes may receive an automobile expense allowance equal to fifteen percent of
6 their annual salary provided the clerk of court maintains three hundred thousand
7 dollars of automobile insurance per accident for bodily injury and one hundred
8 thousand dollars of automobile insurance per accident for property damage. The
9 expense allowance shall come from surplus funds in each of the offices of the clerks
10 of court and at no additional expense to the state or local governing authority.

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The original instrument was prepared by Julie J. Baxter. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Tammy Crain-Waldrop.

DIGEST

Morrish (SB 38)

Present law authorizes each of the clerks of the district courts to purchase an automobile for office use after obtaining consent of the governing authority of the parish.

Present law authorizes the clerks of the district courts of Acadia Parish, Bienville Parish, Bossier Parish, Caddo Parish, Cameron Parish, Claiborne Parish, DeSoto Parish, East Feliciana Parish, Franklin Parish, Iberia Parish, Lincoln Parish, Morehouse Parish, Natchitoches Parish, Ouachita Parish, Red River Parish, St. Charles Parish, St. Helena Parish, St. Landry Parish, St. Tammany Parish, Tangipahoa Parish, Vermilion Parish, Washington Parish, Webster Parish, West Baton Rouge Parish, and West Feliciana Parish to receive an automobile expense allowance equal to 15% of their annual salary, provided the clerk of court maintains \$300,000 of automobile insurance per accident for bodily injury and \$100,000 of automobile insurance per accident for property damage.

Present law requires the expense allowance to come from surplus funds in each of the offices of the clerks of court and at no additional expense to the state or local governing authority.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the clerks of the district courts of Allen Parish, Assumption Parish, Beauregard Parish, St. Bernard Parish, Calcasieu Parish, Caldwell Parish, Catahoula Parish, East Carroll Parish, Iberville Parish, Jefferson Davis Parish, LaSalle Parish, St. Martin Parish, St. Mary Parish, Pointe Coupee Parish, St. Bernard Parish, Union Parish and Vernon Parish.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 13:783(D)(7))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to the engrossed bill

1. Adds St. Martin Parish and St. Mary Parish to the list of parishes in which the clerks of the district courts are authorized, after obtaining consent of the governing authority of the parish, to purchase an automobile for office use and receive an automobile expense allowance.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Adds St. Bernard Parish to the list of parishes in which the clerks of the district courts are authorized, after obtaining consent of the governing authority of the parish, to purchase an automobile for office use and receive an automobile expense allowance.