

ACT No. 2

SENATE BILL NO. 114

BY SENATOR MARTINY AND REPRESENTATIVES ARNOLD, AUSTIN BADON, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BARROW, BURRELL, CONNICK, CORTEZ, DIXON, FRANKLIN, GISCLAIR, GREENE, ELBERT GUILLORY, HARDY, HENDERSON, HINES, HONEY, LABRUZZO, LAFONTA, LIGI, LORUSSO, MORRIS, PEARSON, PETERSON, SCHRODER, GARY SMITH, JANE SMITH, PATRICIA SMITH, TEMPLET, TRAHAN, TUCKER, WADDELL, WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT AND WOOTON

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:152(C) and to enact R.S. 15:147(E), relative to the Louisiana
3 Public Defender Act; to amend provisions of the Louisiana Public Defender Act; to
4 provide with respect to the salary of the state public defender; to provide for the
5 employment status of certain employees; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 15:152(C) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 15:147(E) is
8 hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §147. Powers, duties, responsibilities

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11 **E. The executive staff, regional directors, and secretarial, clerical, and**
12 **other personnel directly employed in the operations of the board shall be state**
13 **employees. All other personnel employed or who serve under contract in a**
14 **district office shall not be state employees and shall be considered local**
15 **employees of the district. The Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget may**
16 **approve other employees hired pursuant to the Louisiana Public Defender Act**
17 **as state employees upon recommendation of the board.**

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19 §152. State public defender; qualifications; powers and duties; salary

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1 C. The state public defender shall receive ~~an annual salary~~ **annual**
 2 **compensation** equal in amount to a ~~judge~~ **an associate justice** of the ~~courts of~~
 3 ~~appeal~~ **supreme court** of this state, ~~as provided in R.S. 13:311.~~

4 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 5 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 6 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 7 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 8 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____