ELECTION CODE. Provides for compensation for certain election workers. (8/1/22)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:423(E), 426.1(A)(2), and 1309(J), relative to compensation for certain election workers; to provide for increased rates of compensation; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:423(E), 426.1(A)(2), and 1309(J) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§423. Parish boards of election supervisors

E. Compensation. Each member of the parish board of election supervisors shall receive fifty one hundred fifty dollars for each day, not to exceed six days, actually spent in the performance of his duties in preparing for and supervising each election held in the parish, except that each member of the board may be compensated for not more than seven days for a presidential or regularly scheduled congressional general election. In addition, each member of the board who is not a public official shall receive fifty dollars for each day spent in court as a subpoenaed witness in litigation concerning the performance of his duties as a member of the
parish board of election supervisors in connection with an election.

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§426.1. Election commissioners; compensation

A. Each commissioner who serves at the polling place on election day shall be paid according to the following:

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(2) A commissioner-in-charge who serves at more than one precinct shall receive three hundred fifty dollars.

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§1309. Early voting; verification

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J. Upon approval of the secretary of state, a registrar of voters may utilize commissioners selected and trained by the registrar of voters to assist the registrar during the early voting period in the conduct of early voting by his office. A registrar of voters shall, in seeking the approval of the secretary of state, indicate to the secretary the number of commissioners that is required for such assistance. A commissioner who assists the registrar in the conduct of early voting shall take an oath of office as a deputy registrar for the early voting period and shall complete an affidavit prepared by the secretary of state that contains the name, address, and last four digits of the social security number of the early voting commissioner and an acknowledgment that the law prohibits the disclosure of confidential voter information listed in the precinct register or early voting list kept by the registrar. The affidavit shall be retained in the office of the registrar of voters. A commissioner who assists the registrar in the conduct of early voting shall be paid in accordance with R.S. 18:426.1(A)(3) and (B), if applicable, one hundred fifty dollars for each day of such assistance. Commissioners shall also be paid in accordance with R.S. 18:426.1(B), if applicable.

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Present law provides for each member of a parish board of election supervisors to receive $50 for each day actually spent in the performance of his duties in preparing for and supervising each election held in the parish.

Proposed law retains present law and increases the amount of compensation received to $150 per day.

Present law provides for each election commissioner-in-charge of more than one precinct at the polling place on election day to receive $300.

Proposed law provides for each election commissioner-in-charge of more than one precinct at the polling place on election day to receive $350.

Present law provides for election commissioners who assist registrars of voters with the conduct of early voting to be paid $100 in accordance with the provisions of present law.

Proposed law provides for election commissioners who assist registrars of voters with the conduct of early voting to be paid $150.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 18:423(E), 426.1(A)(2), and 1309(J))