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ELECTIONS/COMMISSIONERS EG INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Increases compensation for parish board commissioners

Proposed law increases the minimum and maximum allowable compensation for a parish board commissioner by \$50, from \$50 or \$100 to \$100 to \$150, subject to approval by the Secretary of State. In addition, proposed law allows parish commissioners to serve during an election recount.

Proposed law repeals the provision requiring the maximum rate to be paid only when it is reasonably expected that a large number of persons will vote prior to election day, making the only requirement for the maximum rate approval by the Secretary of State. Proposed law also repeals the provision to provide additional compensation following a gubernatorial declaration of an emergency.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in an increase in SGF expenditures by the Secretary of State's (SOS) office due to a \$50 increase to the minimum and maximum allowable compensation for parish board commissioners. This increase in costs is nuanced and situational and will vary from year to year based on the type and number of elections held that year and how many commissioners are utilized.

The number of parish board commissioners varies from election to election. To estimate potential exposure, the SOS estimates costs based on the number of parish board commissioners during the last presidential elections, 237. The current base pay for parish board commissioners is \$50, but can be increased to \$100 with the approval of the Secretary of State; proposed law increases this to \$100 minimum and \$150 maximum. Under the assumption that all parish board commissioners were getting paid \$50, then expenditures will increase by \$11,850 at a minimum and \$23,700 if the maximum is approved per day per statewide election.

For illustrative purposes, the SOS indicates that it anticipates maximum pay for presidential and gubernatorial elections and the minimum pay for all other elections. Assuming 237 commissioners who were making \$50, presidential and gubernatorial elections would increase by \$23,700, non-presidential or gubernatorial statewide elections would increase by \$11,850, and non-statewide elections would increase by \$5,925 (50% of the cost of a statewide election). This would result in an increase of \$47,400 in FYs 27 and 31, \$71,100 in FY 28, \$59,250 in FY 29, and \$35,550 in FY 30. To the extent that some or all parish board commissioners were making the maximum amount, then the increased costs will decrease accordingly. For non-presidential elections, the number of parish board commissioners will likely be less than the 237 used in this analysis, and costs for those elections will decrease accordingly.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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