

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 358 (HB 470)

2016 Regular Session

Danahay

Existing law provides relative to the compensation of registrars of voters. Provides for a five-category population range and 12-step pay scale for the salaries of registrars. Provides for each registrar to automatically receive an annual salary increase to the next step on July first until his annual salary equals the highest step of the appropriate population range.

Existing law requires that each registrar whose salary is at the level of step one or higher be evaluated as to merit. Provides that upon a finding of "excellent" on a merit evaluation, the registrar receive a salary increase to the next step. Provides that the criteria and procedure for the merit evaluation are determined by the secretary of state in conjunction with the Registrar of Voters Assoc. Requires the secretary of state or his designee to evaluate each registrar.

Existing law (R.S. 18:23) provides relative to the State Bd. of Election Supervisors. Provides certain procedural requirements and for the powers and duties of the board. Provides that the membership of the board is as follows:

- (1) The lieutenant governor.
- (2) The secretary of state.
- (3) The attorney general.
- (4) The commissioner of elections or a designee of the secretary of state, as determined by the secretary of state.
- (5) One member of the Clerks of Court Assoc. elected by the membership thereof.
- (6) One member of the Registrars of Voters Assoc. elected by the membership thereof.
- (7) One member appointed by the governor from nominees submitted by the presidents of certain private universities in the state, subject to Senate confirmation.

New law provides that a registrar of voters may appeal the finding on a merit evaluation to the State Bd. of Election Supervisors in accordance with rules promulgated by the board. Provides that if a member of the board participates in the merit evaluation of a registrar, the member shall not participate in an appeal of the evaluation.

Effective August 1, 2016; applies to evaluations conducted in 2017 and thereafter.

(Amends R.S. 18:55(A)(4)(b); Adds R.S. 18:24(A)(6))