

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 59

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU

ELECTIONS: Authorizes the payment of additional compensation to certain election officials for elections held within a certain period following a gubernatorially declared emergency (Item #5)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:426.1, 1309(J), 1314(E)(2), and 1354(C) and to enact R.S.
3 18:1314(E)(3), relative to employees of the secretary of state; to provide relative to
4 the compensation of election commissioners and deputy parish custodians of voting
5 machines; to provide relative to such compensation after declared emergencies; and
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 18:426.1, 1309(J), 1314(E)(2), and 1354(C) are hereby amended and
9 reenacted and R.S. 18:1314(E)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §426.1. Election commissioners; compensation

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

13 (1) A commissioner-in-charge shall receive two hundred fifty dollars.

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

16 (3) A commissioner who has received a certificate of instruction, as provided
17 in R.S. 18:431(A), shall receive one hundred dollars.

18 (4) A commissioner who has received a certificate of instruction, as provided
19 in R.S. 18:431(B), shall receive two hundred dollars.

1 (5) An uncertified commissioner shall receive thirty-five dollars.

2 B. For an election held within one year following the date of the issuance of
3 any gubernatorial declaration of an emergency, upon application of a parish board
4 of election supervisors, the secretary of state may approve payment of up to one
5 hundred dollars per election or each day of assistance, if applicable, as compensation
6 to each commissioner in addition to compensation provided for in Subsection A of
7 this Section.

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9 §1309. Early voting; verification

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

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27 §1314. Parish board commissioners

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1 E. Compensation. A parish board commissioner who serves on election day
2 or during the counting and tabulating of provisional ballots shall receive fifty dollars
3 or one hundred dollars for each day he serves as provided below:

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5 (2) He shall receive fifty dollars for elections other than those provided for
6 in ~~Paragraph~~ Paragraphs (1) and (3) of this Subsection.

7 (3) For an election held within one year following the date of the issuance
8 of any gubernatorial declaration of an emergency, upon application of the parish
9 board of election supervisors, the secretary of state may approve the payment of up
10 to one hundred dollars per election or each day of assistance, if applicable, as
11 compensation to each commissioner in addition to compensation otherwise provided
12 for in this Subsection.

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14 §1354. Parish custodian of voting machines; powers and duties; appointment of
15 deputy custodians

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17 C.(1) The parish custodian of voting machines may employ persons on a
18 temporary basis, as needed, to assist him in the performance of his duties. He may
19 appoint a deputy parish custodian of voting machines for any polling place he deems
20 necessary. He may not appoint as deputy parish custodian of voting machines any
21 person who has been convicted of a felony for which he has not been pardoned. The
22 parish custodian shall not appoint a person who is a candidate or a member of a
23 candidate's immediate family to serve in any polling location where the candidate's
24 name appears on the ballot. The compensation of a deputy parish custodian shall be
25 one hundred dollars for each election at which he serves. The deputy parish
26 custodian shall deliver the key envelope and the supplemental list to the
27 commissioner-in-charge at least one-half hour before the fixed time for the opening
28 of the polls.

