

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 149

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARINO

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

LEGISLATORS: Provides for the compensation of members of the legislature

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 24:31.1(A), 502(A), 504(B), 506(A), and 507(B), relative to the
3 legislature; to provide relative to the compensation of members of the legislature; to
4 provide for the functions and duties of certain legislative officers relative to the
5 compensation; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 24:31.1(A), 502(A), 504(B), 506(A), and 507(B) are hereby amended
8 and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §31.1. Salary for members; expense allowance; mileage allowance

10 A.(1) In addition to the per diem and all other allowances provided by law
11 for members of the Legislature of Louisiana, each member of the legislature, except
12 the president and the president pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker and the
13 speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives, shall be paid a salary ~~in the full~~
14 ~~sum of sixteen thousand eight hundred dollars per annum.~~ as provided in this
15 Subsection.

16 (2) For the term of office beginning in 2024, the salary shall be sixty
17 thousand dollars per annum.

18 (3)(a) In February of 2027 and in February every fourth year thereafter, the
19 legislative fiscal officer shall compute the salary payable per annum to each member

1 of the legislature in the manner provided in this Subsection for the subsequent term
2 of office as follows:

3 (i) The legislative fiscal officer shall utilize the amount of the salary payable
4 to each member of the legislature during the current term of office and adjust the
5 salary in accordance with the growth rate of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban
6 Consumers, U.S. city average (CPI-U), not seasonally adjusted, as prepared by the
7 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics for the preceding four
8 calendar years, rounding the adjusted salary to the nearest whole dollar. The
9 legislative fiscal officer shall multiply the current salary by the most recent calendar
10 year average of the index divided by calendar year average of the index of the fourth
11 prior year to compute the adjusted salary.

12 (ii) Once the legislative fiscal officer has computed the amount of the salary
13 for the subsequent term of office, he shall submit the salary amount and his
14 calculations to the legislative auditor for verification. After the legislative auditor
15 verifies the amount, he shall notify the legislative fiscal officer prior to March first
16 of the last year of a legislative term of office.

17 (b) No later than March first of the last year of a legislative term of office,
18 the legislative fiscal officer shall submit the verified adjusted salary amount to the
19 Legislative Budgetary Control Council.

20 (c) The verified adjusted salary amount shall become effective upon the
21 commencement of the subsequent term of office and shall be payable as provided in
22 this Section.

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24 §502. Speaker of the House of Representatives; salary; expenses

25 A.(1) ~~The~~ For the term of office beginning in 2024, the salary of the speaker
26 of the House of Representatives shall be ~~thirty-two~~ one hundred fourteen thousand
27 dollars per annum, ~~such~~.

28 (2) The legislative fiscal officer shall compute the salary payable to the
29 speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to this Subsection for terms of

1 office beginning in 2028 and thereafter in the same manner provided in R.S.
2 24:31.1(A).

3 (3) The salary established for the speaker of the House of Representatives
4 by this Subsection is to be payable monthly on his own warrant and drawn on the
5 general fund of the state. This salary shall be compensation to the speaker for
6 service to the House of Representatives, including that rendered during regular and
7 extraordinary sessions of the legislature and during the interim between sessions.

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9 §504. Speaker pro tempore; assumption of duties of speaker; salary

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11 B.(1) ~~The~~ For the term of office beginning in 2024, the salary of the speaker
12 pro tempore of the House of Representatives shall be ~~twenty-four thousand five~~
13 ~~hundred eighty-seven thousand four hundred eighty~~ dollars per annum.

14 (2) The legislative fiscal officer shall compute the salary payable to the
15 speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives pursuant to this Subsection for
16 terms of office beginning in 2028 and thereafter in the same manner provided in R.S.
17 24:31.1(A).

18 (3) This salary shall be compensation to the speaker pro tempore for service
19 to the House of Representatives, including that rendered during regular and
20 extraordinary sessions of the legislature and during the interim between sessions.
21 The salary provided for in this ~~Section~~ Subsection shall be payable in the same
22 manner as provided in R.S. 24:31.1(B). The speaker pro tempore shall be entitled
23 to the per diem and all other allowances provided by law for members of the
24 Legislature of Louisiana.

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26 §506. President of the Senate; salary; expenses

27 A.(1) ~~The~~ For the term of office beginning in 2024, the salary of the
28 president of the Senate shall be ~~thirty-two~~ one hundred fourteen thousand dollars per
29 annum, ~~such~~.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HB 149 Original

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Abstract: Provides for the annual salary of members of the legislature.

Present law provides that each member of the legislature and the presiding officers and pro tempores shall be paid an annual salary. Requires that legislator salaries be withdrawn from the treasury on the warrant of the presiding officer of each house on the state treasurer. Provides that the warrants shall be paid out of the general fund. Requires the treasurer to pay the warrants by preference over other warrants, except warrants for the salaries of constitutional officers, which shall be concurrent with the warrants for legislator salaries. Requires that the funds be deposited in the name of the House of Representatives or the Senate in an approved bank located in this state selected by the respective presiding officer. Provides for payment of the salary by individual check and authorizes use of facsimile signatures.

Present law provides that in addition to per diem and all other allowances, members of the legislature shall be paid an annual salary of \$16,800. Proposed law increases the annual salary for members of the legislature to \$60,000 for the term beginning in 2024.

Proposed law increases the annual salary for the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives from \$32,000 to \$114,000 for the term beginning in 2024.

Proposed law increases the annual salary for the president pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives from \$24,500 to \$87,400 for the term beginning in 2024.

For terms beginning in 2028 and thereafter, proposed law requires the legislative fiscal officer to compute salary adjustments for members of the legislature in Feb. of the last year of the term by utilizing a specific formula based upon the amount of the existing salary payable to each member adjusted in accordance with the growth rate of the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U), as prepared by the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics for the preceding four calendar years rounded to the nearest whole dollar. Requires the legislative auditor to verify the salary adjustments and requires the legislative fiscal officer to submit the new salary amounts to the Legislative Budgetary Control Council no later than March 1st of the last year of the term.

Effective at 10:00 a.m. on Jan. 8, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 24:31.1(A), 502(A), 504(B), 506(A), and 507(B))