

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 250

BY REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP

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

ASSESSORS: Authorizes assessors in each parish to increase their annual compensation

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1907(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 47:1907(L) and (M), relative
3 to assessor compensation; to authorize assessors to increase their annual
4 compensation up to a certain amount over a certain period of time; to provide for
5 certain requirements and limitations; to require the publication of certain notice; to
6 provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 47:1907(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 47:1907(L)
9 and (M) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §1907. Salaries

11 A.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, except the
12 provisions of Subsections H, I, J, and ~~K~~ through M of this Section, in the
13 performance of all duties required of them by law, the assessors of the various
14 parishes shall receive an annual compensation, to be paid monthly on their own
15 warrant, based on the applicable population of the respective parishes, not to exceed
16 the compensation schedule provided for in this Paragraph according to the latest
17 decennial United States Census or the population estimates published pursuant to the

1 United States Bureau of the Census Federal State Cooperative Program for
2 Population Estimates.

3	Population	Compensation
4	(a) Greater than 250,000	\$108,290
5	(b) 50,001 to 249,999	\$98,290
6	(c) 50,000 or less	\$88,290

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8 L. In addition to all other forms of compensation which are authorized for
9 assessors under the provisions of this Section, an assessor may increase his annual
10 compensation by an amount not to exceed two percent in calendar year 2023.

11 M.(1) In addition to all other forms of compensation which are authorized
12 for assessors under the provisions of this Section, an assessor may increase his
13 annual compensation by an amount not to exceed two percent each year. The
14 increase in compensation authorized pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection
15 shall only apply for the term beginning on January 1, 2025.

16 (2) The additional compensation authorized pursuant to the provisions of this
17 Subsection shall become effective thirty days after the increase is disclosed at a
18 public meeting of the parish governing authority of the parish in which the assessor's
19 office is situated if the assessor publishes notice of his intent to increase his
20 compensation on two separate days in the official journal of the parish in which the
21 assessor's office is situated. The last day of publication of the notice shall be at least
22 thirty days prior to the public meeting of the parish governing authority wherein the
23 assessor discloses his intention to increase his compensation.

24 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2023; if vetoed by the governor
25 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
26 2023, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

DIGEST

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HB 250 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Authorizes an assessor to increase his annual compensation in calendar year 2023 by not more than 2% and further authorizes an assessor to increase his annual compensation by not more than 2% each year only for the term beginning Jan. 1, 2025, if specific publication requirements are met.

Present law requires assessors in each parish to receive annual compensation in the following amounts for the performance of all duties required of them in present law based on the following applicable population ranges:

- (1) If population is 50,000 or less, annual compensation of \$88,290.
- (2) If population is 50,001 to 249,999, annual compensation of \$98,290.
- (3) If population is greater than 250,000, annual compensation of \$108,290.

Present law authorizes the following compensation in addition to the annual compensation set forth in present law:

- (1) 10% of annual compensation as a personal expense allowance.
- (2) One-time 7% increase after successful completion of a program to be a certified La. assessor and approval by a certification committee.
- (3) One-time \$10,000 increase effective July 1, 1999.
- (4) One-time increase of not exceeding \$7,000.
- (5) Beginning in calendar year 2013 and ending in calendar year 2016, an increase of up to 4% each calendar year over four calendar years.

Proposed law retains present law and authorizes an assessor to increase his annual compensation by not more than 2% in calendar year 2023.

Proposed law further authorizes, for the term beginning on Jan. 1, 2025 only, an assessor to increase his annual compensation by not more than 2% each year. This additional compensation shall become effective 30 days after the increase is disclosed at a public meeting of the parish governing authority of the parish in which the assessor's office is situated if the assessor publishes notice of his intent to increase his compensation on two separate days in the parish's official journal. The last day of publication of the notice shall be at least 30 days prior to the public meeting of the parish governing authority wherein the assessor discloses his intention to increase his compensation.

Effective July 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 47:1907(A)(1); Adds R.S. 47:1907(L) and (M))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to the original bill:

1. Add authorization for an assessor to increase his annual compensation in calendar year 2023 by not more than 2%.
2. Decrease the additional compensation an assessor may increase his annual compensation per term from not more than 10% to not more than 8%.
3. Add requirement that the additional per-term increase in annual compensation shall become effective 30 days after the increase is disclosed at a public meeting of the parish governing authority of the parish in which the assessor's office is situated if the assessor publishes notice in the parish's official journal of his intent to increase his compensation on two separate days. Further requires the last day of publication of the notice to be at least 30 days prior to the public meeting wherein the assessor discloses his intention to increase his compensation.
4. Add applicability of the per-term increase in annual compensation provided for in proposed law to terms beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2025.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Change the additional compensation from a one-time increase of not more than 8% per term for terms beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2025, to an annual increase of not more than 2% each year only during the term that begins on Jan. 1, 2025.