

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 effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

8 §31.1. Salary for members; expense allowance; mileage allowance

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

15 (2) For each term of office, the salary per annum shall be seventy-five
16 percent of the latest median household income for Louisiana published by the United
17 States Bureau of the Census prior to the beginning of the term.

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

2 A.(1) ~~The~~ For each term of office, the salary per annum of the speaker of
3 the House of Representatives shall be ~~thirty-two thousand dollars per annum, such~~
4 two hundred percent of the salary established by R.S. 24:31.1(A) prior to the
5 beginning of the term.

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

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

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14 B.(1) ~~The~~ For each term of office, the salary per annum of the speaker pro
15 tempore of the House of Representatives shall be ~~twenty-four thousand five hundred~~
16 ~~dollars per annum~~ one hundred fifty percent of the salary established by R.S.
17 24:31.1(A) prior to the beginning of the term.

18 (2) 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 each term of office, the salary per annum of the president of
28 the Senate shall be ~~thirty-two thousand dollars per annum, such~~ two hundred percent
29 of the salary established by R.S. 24:31.1(A) prior to the beginning of the term.

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

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7 §507. President pro tempore; assumption of duties of president; salary

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9 B.(1) ~~The~~ For each term of office, the salary per annum of the president pro
10 tempore of the Senate shall be ~~twenty-four thousand five hundred dollars per annum~~
11 one hundred fifty percent of the salary established by R.S. 24:31.1(A) prior to the
12 beginning of the term.

13 (2) This salary shall be compensation to the president pro tempore for
14 service to the Senate, including that rendered during regular and extraordinary
15 sessions of the legislature and during the interim between sessions. The salary
16 provided for in this ~~Section~~ Subsection shall be payable in the same manner as
17 provided in R.S. 24:31.1(B). The president pro tempore shall be entitled to the per
18 diem and all other allowances provided by law for members of the Legislature of
19 Louisiana.

20 Section 2. This Act shall become effective at 10:00 a.m. on January 8, 2024.

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)]

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 provides that the annual salary for each term of office shall be 75% of the latest median household income for La. published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census prior to the beginning of the term.

Present law provides that annual salary for the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives is \$32,000. Proposed law provides that annual salary of the presiding officers for each term of office shall be 200% of the annual salary set for members in proposed law.

Present law provides that the annual salary for the president pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives is \$24,500. Proposed law provides that the annual salary of the pro tempores for each term of office shall be 150% of the annual salary set for members in proposed law.

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

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Set the annual salary of members of the legislature at 75% of the median household income instead of \$60,000.
2. Set the annual salary of the presiding officers at 200% of the salary set for members instead of \$144,000.
3. Set the annual salary of the pro tempores at 150% of the of the salary set for members instead of \$87,400.
4. Remove provisions for a specified CPI-U adjustment of the salaries prior to the beginning of each term by the legislative fiscal officer as validated by the legislative auditor.