
DIGEST

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HB 149 Engrossed

2023 Regular Session

Marino

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 Requires that legislator salaries be withdrawn from the treasury on the warrant of the presiding officer of each house on the state treasurer.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.