

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 250

2023 Regular Session

Bishop

June 8, 2023

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 250 by Representative Bishop, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That Senate Committee Amendments Nos. 1, 3, 4, and 5 by the Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs (#1632) be rejected.
2. That Senate Committee Amendment No. 2 by the Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs (#1632) be adopted.
3. That Senate Committee Amendment No. 2 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2044) be adopted.
4. That Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#2044) be rejected.
5. That the following amendments be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 17, after "effective" delete the remainder of the line in its entirety and delete line 18 in its entirety, and at the beginning of line 19, delete "office is situated"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 22, after "to the" delete the remainder of the line in its entirety and delete line 23 in its entirety and insert "date the assessor increases his compensation."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Stuart J. Bishop

Senator Joseph Bouie, Jr.

Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV

Senator R. L. Bret Allain II

Representative Neil Riser

Senator Gerald Boudreaux

DIGEST

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

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

Report adopts Senate amendments to:

1. Change the one-time increase in annual compensation for calendar year 2023 from not to exceed 2% to not to exceed 5%.
2. Change the additional compensation an assessor may receive from an annual increase not to exceed 2% each year for the term beginning on Jan. 1, 2025, to not to exceed 5% for the term beginning after Dec. 31, 2024.

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Deleted the 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.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Provide that additional compensation authorized for the term beginning after Dec. 31, 2024 becomes effective if the assessor publishes notice in the parish's official journal of his intent to increase his compensation on two separate days. The last day of publication of the notice shall be at least 30 days prior to the date the assessor increases his compensation.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

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 5% in calendar year 2023.

Proposed law further authorizes, for the term beginning after Dec. 31, 2024 only, an assessor to increase his annual compensation by not more than 5%. This additional compensation shall become effective 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 date the assessor increases his compensation.

Effective July 1, 2023.

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