
DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the compensation of commissioners-in-charge and commissioners who serve on election day and during early voting.

Present law (R.S. 18:426.1) provides that each commissioner who serves at the polling place on election day shall be paid according to the following:

- (1) A commissioner-in-charge shall receive \$250.
- (2) A commissioner-in-charge who serves at more than one precinct shall receive \$350.
- (3) A commissioner who has received a certificate of instruction for completion of a general course of instruction for commissioners shall receive \$100.
- (4) A commissioner who has received a certificate of instruction for completion of a course of instruction for commissioners-in-charge, commissioners, and alternate commissioners held after selection for service in an election shall receive \$200.
- (5) An uncertified commissioner shall receive \$35.

Proposed law increases the compensation for commissioners and commissioners-in-charge who serve at the polling place on election day as follows:

- (1) A commissioner-in-charge shall receive \$300.
- (2) A commissioner-in-charge who serves at more than one precinct shall receive \$400.
- (3) A commissioner who has received a certificate of instruction for completion of a general course of instruction for commissioners shall receive \$150.
- (4) A commissioner who has received a certificate of instruction for completion of a course of instruction for commissioners-in-charge, commissioners, and alternate commissioners held after selection for service in an election shall receive \$250.
- (5) An uncertified commissioner shall receive \$85.

Present law provides that for an election held within one year following the date of the issuance of

any gubernatorial declaration of an emergency, upon application of a parish board of election supervisors, the secretary of state may approve payment of up to \$100 per election or each day of assistance, if applicable, as compensation to each commissioner in addition to compensation provided for in present law.

Proposed law increases the additional compensation for commissioners to \$150 per election or each day of assistance in such circumstances.

Present law allows a parish board commissioner who serves on election day or during the counting and tabulating of provisional ballots to receive \$100 for elections with the approval of the secretary of state upon application by the parish board of election supervisors when it is reasonably expected that a large number of persons will vote prior to election day or if the election is held within one year following the date of issuance of any gubernatorial declaration of an emergency. Provides for compensation of \$50 dollars for all other elections

Proposed law increases compensation to a parish board commissioner to \$150 upon application by the parish board and with approval of the secretary of state and to \$100 in all other elections and further authorizes compensation for recounts.

(Amends R.S. 18:426.1(A) and (B) and 1314(E))