

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 89

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS: Provides relative to the number of employees in the registrar
of voters office in certain parishes

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:59.2(A), (D)(2), and (E) and to repeal R.S. 18:59.2(C),
3 relative to employees in the office of a registrar of voters; to provide for the
4 maximum number of authorized positions in certain parishes; to provide for the
5 source of parish population figures; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 18:59.2(A), (D)(2), and (E) are hereby amended and reenacted to
8 read as follows:

9 §59.2. Number of employee positions established; increase; decrease

10 A.(1) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the number of authorized
11 positions for state employees in the office of a registrar of voters, including the
12 position of registrar of voters, shall be based on parish population figures as shown
13 by the latest federal census, the ~~Louisiana Tech University population estimates for~~
14 ~~Louisiana parishes~~ parish population estimates published pursuant to the United
15 States Bureau of the Census Federal State Cooperative Program for Population
16 Estimates, or as determined by the governing authority of each parish in accordance
17 with law.

18 (2) Based on the parish population range ~~as shown by the latest federal~~
19 ~~census, the Louisiana Tech University population estimates for Louisiana parishes~~

1 ~~or census of the parish governing authority~~, the maximum number of authorized
2 positions in each parish is established as follows:

3	PARISH		4	POPULATION RANGE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
5	(1)	0 to 30,000 <u>20,000</u>		2	6
6	(2)	30,001 <u>20,001</u> to 65,000		3	7
7	(3)	65,001 to 100,000		4	8
8	(4)	100,001 to 200,000		5	9
9	(5)	200,001 to 300,000		7	10
10	(6)	300,001 to 400,000		10	11
11	(7)	400,001 to 475,000		13	12
12	(8)	475,001 to 1,000,000		17	13

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16 (2) If a reduction in the number of positions in the office of a registrar of
17 voters is necessary because of a change in parish population ~~pursuant to Subsection~~
18 ~~C hereof~~, the number of positions shall be reduced by attrition.

19 E. Employee positions established in the office of a registrar of voters
20 pursuant to Subsections A and B hereof that exceed the number of positions
21 established in the office of a registrar of voters on the effective date of this Section
22 or that increase pursuant to a change in population ~~in accordance with Subsection C~~
23 ~~hereof~~ shall not be filled until the parish governing authority has appropriated the
24 parish portion of the salary for each position and the legislature has appropriated to
25 the secretary of state the state portion of the salary for each such position.

26 Section 2. R.S. 18:59.2(C) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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HB 89 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Authorizes parishes with a population range of 20,001 to 65,000 to have three authorized positions in the office of registrar of voters.

Present law provides that the number of authorized positions for state employees in the office of a registrar of voters, including the position of registrar of voters, shall be based on parish population figures. Provides that parishes with a population range of zero to 30,000 shall have two authorized positions and parishes with a population range of 30,001 to 65,000 shall have three positions.

Proposed law instead provides that parishes with a population range of zero to 20,000 shall have two positions. Parishes with a population range of 20,001 to 65,000 shall have three positions.

Present law provides that parish figures may be based on those shown by the latest federal decennial census, the La. Tech University population estimates for La. parishes, or as determined by the governing authority of each parish in accordance with law.

Proposed law provides that parish figures may be based on parish population estimates published pursuant to the U.S. Bureau of the Census Federal State Cooperative Program for Population Estimates, rather than the La. Tech University population estimates for La. parishes.

(Amends R.S. 18:59.2(A), (D)(2), and (E); Repeals R.S. 18:59.2(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the engrossed bill:

1. Change the population range from 0 to 30,000 to 0 to 20,000 for a parish where the maximum number of authorized positions is two.
2. Change the population range from 30,001 to 65,000 to 20,001 to 65,000 for a parish where the maximum number of authorized positions is three.
3. Make technical changes.