

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 205

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ELECTIONS/COMMISSIONERS: Provides for compensation for election commissioners

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:426.1(B) and to enact R.S. 18:426.1(C), relative to
3 compensation for election commissioners; to authorize the parish governing
4 authority to pay supplemental compensation to certain election day commissioners;
5 to provide for the scope of compensated services; to provide for effectiveness; and
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 18:426.1(B) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:426.1(C)
9 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §426.1. Election commissioners; compensation

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12 B. The compensation provided for in Subsection A of this Section shall serve
13 as compensation for time worked on election day and for participation in any courses
14 of instruction provided for in this Part.

15 ~~B. C.(1)~~ For an election held within one year following the date of the
16 issuance of any gubernatorial declaration of an emergency, upon application of a
17 parish board of election supervisors, the secretary of state may approve payment of
18 up to one hundred dollars per election or each day of assistance, if applicable, as
19 compensation to each commissioner in addition to compensation provided for in
20 Subsection A of this Section.

- 1 (2) The parish governing authority may pay each commissioner provided for
 2 in Paragraphs (A)(1), (2), and (4) of this Section one hundred dollars per election day
 3 or each day of assistance, if applicable, in addition to the compensation provided for
 4 in Subsection A of this Section.
 5 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

DIGEST

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HB 205 Engrossed

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Abstract: Authorizes the parish governing authority to pay certain election commissioners supplemental compensation of \$100 per election.

Present law 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 general certificate of instruction from the annual training conducted by the clerk of court shall receive \$100.
- (4) A commissioner who has received a certificate of instruction from the training conducted by the clerk of court after being selected to serve in an election shall receive \$200.
- (5) An uncertified commissioner shall receive \$35.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that the compensation as provided for in present law shall serve as compensation for time worked on election day and for participation in any courses of instruction provided to election officials.

Proposed law provides that the parish governing authority may pay each commissioner-in-charge, commissioner-in-charge who serves at more than one precinct, and commissioner who has received a certificate of instruction from the training conducted by the clerk of court after being selected to serve in an election \$100 per election day or each day of assistance, if applicable, in addition to the compensation provided for in present law.

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 by proposed law.

Proposed law retains present law.

Effective Jan. 1, 2027.

(Amends R.S. 18:426.1(B); Adds R.S. 18:426.1(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Remove proposed increase to the pay schedule for certain commissioners.
2. Authorize the parish governing authority to pay an additional \$100 to commissioners-in-charge, commissioners who serve more than one precinct, and commissioners who receive instruction prior to election day.