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Present law provides pay schedules for registrars of voters and their chief deputies and confidential assistants. Compensation is determined based on the population of the parish and the years of experience of the individual. Years of experience are provided as steps on the salary schedule.

Proposed law adjusts the present law steps to reduce the number of population levels and the number of steps and to increase the compensation in the steps of the schedule for registrars of voters, chief deputies, and confidential assistants.

Proposed law requires that any registrar, chief deputy, or confidential assistant whose salary has remained at the level of step 10 for more than 12 months receive a 5% salary increase upon a finding of "excellent" on the merit evaluation. No registrar, chief deputy, or confidential assistant shall receive more than five such annual salary increases.

Present law provides the methods by which the population of each parish is determined including data from estimates by La. Tech.

Proposed law adjusts the methods by which the population of each parish is determined and removes data estimates by La. Tech as a method of determining parish population.

Proposed law adds population figures from the latest federal decennial census published pursuant to the United States Bureau of the Census Federal State Cooperative Program for Population Estimates.

Proposed law provides that Dept. of State shall not adjust the annual salary of registrars of voters based on population changes except once decennially one year after receiving the federal census.

Proposed law provides that Dept. of State shall not adjust the annual salary of chief deputies and confidential assistants based on population changes except once decennially one year after receiving the federal census.

Effective July 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 18:55(A)(1), (2), and (4)(b) and (C) and 59(B)(1), (2), and (4)(b),(C)(1), (2), and (4)(b), and (E); Adds R.S. 18:55(G) and 59(N))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Provides for new source of information for population estimates as shown by the latest federal decennial census published pursuant to the United States Bureau of the Census Federal State Cooperative Program for Population Estimates.

2. Limits salary adjustments for registrars of voters to once decennially one year after receiving the federal census.

3. Provides for new source of information for population estimates as shown by the latest federal decennial census published pursuant to the United States

Bureau of the Census Federal State Cooperative Program for Population Estimates.

4. Limits salary adjustments for chief deputy registrars of voters and confidential assistant to the registrars of voters to once decennially one year after receiving the federal census.

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the engrossed bill

1. Adjusts the compensation and reduce the number of steps in the schedules for registrars of voters, chief deputies, and confidential assistants.

2. Provides for an annual 5% salary increase for registrars of voters, chief deputies, and confidential assistants in certain circumstances.

3. Makes technical changes.

Senate Floor Amendments to reengrossed bill

1. Makes technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the re-reengrossed bill:

1. Specify that the prohibition against salary adjustment more than once after the decennial census applies only to adjustments based on population changes.

2. Make technical changes.