

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 490

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHAMPAGNE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

LOCAL OFFICIALS: Provides relative to reports concerning compensation of certain local public officers and employees

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 42:285 and 287, relative to public officers and employees; to  
3 provide relative to certain reports concerning compensation of certain local public  
4 officers and employees; to provide for publication of such reports; to provide for  
5 criminal penalties; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 42:285 and 287 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
8 follows:

9 §285. Names of elected officials, deputies, employees, etc., and compensation to be  
10 reported

11 The first report of each year, made under the provisions of R.S. 42:283 and  
12 ~~42:284, 284~~, shall include the names of all elected officials, deputies, employees, and  
13 officers of the respective offices, boards, and commissions, for the preceding year,  
14 whether they were employed full time or only temporarily, and shall also show the  
15 total salary or compensation paid to each of them during that year, including travel  
16 expenses.

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18 §287. Publication of reports

19 A. Any parish governing authority may, in its own discretion, publish any  
20 of the reports which it receives as a result of R.S. 42:283.

- 1            B. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A of this Section, if the  
 2            governing authority has a website, it shall publish each report it receives pursuant to  
 3            R.S. 42:285 on its website within ten days of receiving the report.

## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for the content of reports concerning compensation of certain officials and employees and requires publication of such reports on the parish website if there is one.

Present law (R.S. 42:283) requires all parish sheriffs, clerks of court, assessors, coroners, registrars of voters, boards of health, boards of equalization, and all district levee boards, boards of commissioners of drainage districts for the state, parish of Orleans excepted, to furnish annually to the governing authority and clerk of court of their respective parishes, a written itemized report showing the expenditures made by their respective offices, boards, or commissions, whether made out of the salary or expense funds of said offices or members of their respective commissions or boards, or otherwise.

Present law (R.S. 42:284) provides that the reports provided for in present law (R.S. 42:283) shall be classified under the following headings: (1) salaries of officials, (2) salaries of deputies, (3) salaries of other employees, (4) office supplies and furnishings, and (5) other expenditures. Provides that reports required of the sheriffs at the various parishes shall also include specific itemization of (1) transporting prisoners, fugitives, and insane persons and (2) feeding prisoners.

Present law (R.S. 42:285) provides that the first report of each year, made under the provisions of present law shall include the names of all deputies, employees and officers of the respective offices, boards and commissions, for the preceding year, whether they were employed full time or only temporarily, and shall also show the total salary or compensation paid to each of them during that year. Proposed law retains present law and adds elected officials to the list of officials and employees about which information must be included in the first report. Provides further that travel expenses shall be included in the report.

Present law (R.S. 42:287) provides that any parish governing authority may, in its own discretion, publish any of the reports which it receives as a result of present law. Proposed law retains present law and provides that if the parish governing authority has a website, it shall publish each report it receives pursuant to proposed law on its website within 10 days of receiving the report.

Present law provides that whoever violates any provision of present law shall be fined \$1,000 or imprisoned for six months or both. Proposed law retains present law penalties and makes them applicable to proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 42:285 and 287)