

SENATE BILL NO. 57

BY SENATOR BISHOP

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:201.2, relative to the executive branch of state government; to provide that certain salary increases are prohibited unless approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget; to authorize state civil service to develop certain provisions relative to classified service; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 49:201.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§201.2. Prohibition of Salary Increases

A. No unclassified employee in the executive branch of state government shall receive any pay increases for a period commencing on the regularly scheduled gubernatorial primary election day and concluding on inauguration day without the approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

B.(1) If the governor or other public official believes that the pay of a person to whom Subsection A of this Section is applicable should be increased during the time period specified in Subsection A of this Section, the governor or other public official shall submit documentation to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget identifying the position, the name of the person, the qualifications of the person, and the reasons the governor or other public official believes the pay of the person should be increased.

(2) If the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget receives such documentation during the time period specified in Subsection A of this Section, the committee shall have a meeting to consider the approval of any such pay increase.

1 **C. The State Civil Service Commission may establish the same or**
 2 **substantially similar provisions as provided in this Section for each position in**
 3 **the classified service within the civil service system.**

4 **D. The provisions of Subsections A and B of this Section shall not apply**
 5 **to any position in a postsecondary or higher education system or institution.**

6 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 7 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 8 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 9 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 10 effective on the day following such approval.

 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____