2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 176

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

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

ELDERLY: Eliminates the cap on the funding formula for voluntary parish councils on aging

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1606(A) and (B)(1), relative to the office of elderly affairs;
3	to eliminate the cap on the amount any parish voluntary councils on aging may
4	receive; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 46:1606(A) and (B)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7	follows:
8	§1606. Annual appropriation
9	A. The legislature shall appropriate to the office of elderly affairs, for
10	distribution by the executive director of the office to the various voluntary parish
11	councils on aging, funds sufficient to allocate to each parish council two dollars and
12	fifty cents for each person sixty years or older who is a resident of the parish as
13	shown by the latest official census estimate or thirty-seven thousand five hundred
14	dollars, whichever is greater, but not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars to any
15	one parish council. The office of elderly affairs shall include funds in their annual
16	budget request for increases in funding based on the number of elderly as estimated
17	in the above census. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such total annual appropriation
18	shall be for a minimum of two million seven hundred seventy-six thousand eight
19	hundred dollars.

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B.(1) Funds appropriated by the legislature pursuant to Subsection A of this		
Section shall be distributed by the executive director of the office of elderly affairs		
and shall be allocated to each parish council in an amount equal to two dollars and		
fifty cents for each resident of the parish age sixty years or older, as shown by the		
latest official estimate approved by the United States Bureau of the Census, or thirty-		
seven thousand five hundred dollars, whichever is greater, but not to exceed one		
hundred thousand dollars for any one parish council. The sums so allocated shall be		
distributed quarterly during the first thirty days of each quarter of the fiscal year. In		
appropriating funds pursuant to this Section, the legislature shall specifically provide		
for the allocation of funds to the respective parish councils in accordance with the		
provisions of this Section.		
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Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017; if vetoed by the governor		
and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,		
2017, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.		

DIGEST

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Abstract: Eliminates the cap on the amount a parish council on aging may receive under the annual distribution of funds for parish councils on aging.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the annual distribution of funds by the office of elderly affairs to the parish councils on aging. The greater of \$37,500 or \$2.50 per parish resident 60 years or older shall be distributed to each parish. No parish may receive more than \$100,000.

Proposed law removes the \$100,000 limit on per parish distribution in present law.

Effective July 1, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 46:1606(A) and (B)(1))