

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. For Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and each year thereafter, there shall be  
20 a maximum allocation of one hundred thousand dollars to any one parish council on

1 aging pursuant to this Subsection unless additional funds are appropriated for that  
2 purpose.

3 B.(1) Funds appropriated by the legislature pursuant to Subsection A of this  
4 Section shall be distributed by the executive director of the office of elderly affairs  
5 and shall be allocated to each parish council in an amount equal to two dollars and  
6 fifty cents for each resident of the parish age sixty years or older, as shown by the  
7 latest official estimate approved by the United States Bureau of the Census, or thirty-  
8 seven thousand five hundred dollars, whichever is greater, ~~but not to exceed one~~  
9 ~~hundred thousand dollars for any one parish council.~~ The sums so allocated shall be  
10 distributed quarterly during the first thirty days of each quarter of the fiscal year. In  
11 appropriating funds pursuant to this Section, the legislature shall specifically provide  
12 for the allocation of funds to the respective parish councils in accordance with the  
13 provisions of this Section.

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15 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017; if vetoed by the governor  
16 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,  
17 2017, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides that funding to a parish council on aging not exceed \$100,000 unless funding is appropriated by the legislature for that purpose.

Present law 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 retains the \$100,000 limit in present law unless additional funding is appropriated by the legislature for that purpose.

Effective July 1, 2017.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the original bill:

1. Add a provision that allows the \$100,000 limit on funding to parish councils on aging to be removed if additional funds are appropriated for that purpose.