
DIGEST

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HB 149 Original

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Abstract: Provides for the annual salary of members of the legislature.

Present law provides that each member of the legislature and the presiding officers and pro tempores shall be paid an annual salary. Requires that legislator salaries be withdrawn from the treasury on the warrant of the presiding officer of each house on the state treasurer. Provides that the warrants shall be paid out of the general fund. Requires the treasurer to pay the warrants by preference over other warrants, except warrants for the salaries of constitutional officers, which shall be concurrent with the warrants for legislator salaries. Requires that the funds be deposited in the name of the House of Representatives or the Senate in an approved bank located in this state selected by the respective presiding officer. Provides for payment of the salary by individual check and authorizes use of facsimile signatures.

Present law provides that in addition to per diem and all other allowances, members of the legislature shall be paid an annual salary of \$16,800. Proposed law increases the annual salary for members of the legislature to \$60,000 for the term beginning in 2024.

Proposed law increases the annual salary for the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives from \$32,000 to \$114,000 for the term beginning in 2024.

Proposed law increases the annual salary for the president pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives from \$24,500 to \$87,400 for the term beginning in 2024.

For terms beginning in 2028 and thereafter, proposed law requires the legislative fiscal officer to compute salary adjustments for members of the legislature in Feb. of the last year of the term by utilizing a specific formula based upon the amount of the existing salary payable to each member adjusted in accordance with the growth rate of the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U), as prepared by the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics for the preceding four calendar years rounded to the nearest whole dollar. Requires the legislative auditor to verify the salary adjustments and requires the legislative fiscal officer to submit the new salary amounts to the Legislative Budgetary Control Council no later than March 1st of the last year of the term.

Effective at 10:00 a.m. on Jan. 8, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 24:31.1(A), 502(A), 504(B), 506(A), and 507(B))