
DIGEST

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HB 250 Engrossed

2023 Regular Session

Bishop

Abstract: Authorizes an assessor to increase his annual compensation in calendar year 2023 by not more than 2% and further authorizes an assessor to increase his annual compensation by not more than 8% per term of office for terms beginning Jan. 1, 2025, if specific publication requirements are met.

Present law requires assessors in each parish to receive annual compensation in the following amounts for the performance of all duties required of them in present law based on the following applicable population ranges:

- (1) If population is 50,000 or less, annual compensation of \$88,290.
- (2) If population is 50,001 to 249,999, annual compensation of \$98,290.
- (3) If population is greater than 250,000, annual compensation of \$108,290.

Present law authorizes the following compensation in addition to the annual compensation set forth in present law:

- (1) 10% of annual compensation as a personal expense allowance.
- (2) One-time 7% increase after successful completion of a program to be a certified La. assessor and approval by a certification committee.
- (3) One-time \$10,000 increase effective July 1, 1999.
- (4) One-time increase of not exceeding \$7,000.
- (5) Beginning in calendar year 2013 and ending in calendar year 2016, an increase of up to 4% each calendar year over four calendar years.

Proposed law retains present law and authorizes an assessor to increase his annual compensation by not more than 2% in calendar year 2023.

Proposed law further authorizes, for terms beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2025, an assessor to increase his annual compensation once by not more than 8% during each term of office. This additional compensation shall become effective 30 days after the one-time increase is disclosed at a public

meeting of the parish governing authority of the parish in which the assessor's office is situated if the assessor publishes notice of his intent to increase his compensation on two separate days in the parish's official journal. The last day of publication of the notice shall be at least 30 days prior to the public meeting of the parish governing authority wherein the assessor discloses his intention to increase his compensation.

Effective July 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 47:1907(A)(1); Adds R.S. 47:1907(L) and (M))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to the original bill:

1. Add authorization for an assessor to increase his annual compensation in calendar year 2023 by not more than 2%.
2. Decrease the additional compensation an assessor may increase his annual compensation per term from not more than 10% to not more than 8%.
3. Add requirement that the additional per-term increase in annual compensation shall become effective 30 days after the increase is disclosed at a public meeting of the parish governing authority of the parish in which the assessor's office is situated if the assessor publishes notice in the parish's official journal of his intent to increase his compensation on two separate days. Further requires the last day of publication of the notice to be at least 30 days prior to the public meeting wherein the assessor discloses his intention to increase his compensation.
4. Add applicability of the per-term increase in annual compensation provided for in proposed law to terms beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2025.