

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 419

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER

ELECTIONS/COMMISSIONERS: Provides relative to compensation for parish board commissioners, election commissioners, and commissioners-in-charge

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:426.1(A) and (B) and 1314(E), relative to compensation of  
3 certain elections officials; to increase compensation of parish board commissioners,  
4 election commissioners, and commissioners-in-charge; to provide for compensation  
5 on election day, during the counting and tabulating of provisional ballots, and during  
6 a recount; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 18:426.1(A) and (B) and 1314(E) are hereby amended and reenacted  
9 to read as follows:

10 §426.1. Election commissioners; compensation

11 A. Each commissioner who serves at the polling place on election day shall  
12 be paid according to the following:

13 (1) A commissioner-in-charge shall receive ~~two hundred fifty~~ three hundred  
14 dollars.

15 (2) A commissioner-in-charge who serves at more than one precinct shall  
16 receive ~~three hundred fifty~~ four hundred dollars.

17 (3) A commissioner who has received a certificate of instruction, as provided  
18 in R.S. 18:431(A), shall receive one hundred fifty dollars.

19 (4) A commissioner who has received a certificate of instruction, as provided  
20 in R.S. 18:431(B), shall receive two hundred fifty dollars.

1 (5) An uncertified commissioner shall receive ~~thirty-five~~ eighty-five dollars.

2 B. For an election held within one year following the date of the issuance of  
3 any gubernatorial declaration of an emergency, upon application of a parish board  
4 of election supervisors, the secretary of state may approve payment of up to one  
5 hundred fifty dollars per election or each day of assistance, if applicable, as  
6 compensation to each commissioner in addition to compensation provided for in  
7 Subsection A of this Section.

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9 §1314. Parish board commissioners

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11 E. Compensation. A parish board commissioner who serves on election day,  
12 ~~or during the counting and tabulating of provisional ballots, or during a recount~~ shall  
13 receive ~~fifty dollars or one hundred dollars~~ or one hundred fifty dollars for each day  
14 he serves as provided below:

15 (1) He shall receive one hundred fifty dollars for elections for which the  
16 secretary of state has approved such compensation. The secretary of state may  
17 provide such approval upon application by the parish board of election supervisors  
18 ~~when it is reasonably expected that a large number of persons will vote prior to~~  
19 ~~election day.~~

20 (2) He shall receive ~~fifty~~ one hundred dollars for elections other than those  
21 provided for in ~~Paragraphs (1) and (3)~~ Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

22 (3) ~~For an election held within one year following the date of the issuance~~  
23 ~~of any gubernatorial declaration of an emergency, upon application of the parish~~  
24 ~~board of election supervisors, the secretary of state may approve the payment of up~~  
25 ~~to one hundred dollars per election or each day of assistance, if applicable, as~~  
26 ~~compensation to each commissioner in addition to compensation otherwise provided~~  
27 ~~for in this Subsection.~~

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DIGEST

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HB 419 Original

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**Abstract:** Increases the compensation of commissioners-in-charge and commissioners who serve on election day and during early voting.

Present law (R.S. 18:426.1) provides that each commissioner who serves at the polling place on election day shall be paid according to the following:

- (1) A commissioner-in-charge shall receive \$250.
- (2) A commissioner-in-charge who serves at more than one precinct shall receive \$350.
- (3) A commissioner who has received a certificate of instruction for completion of a general course of instruction for commissioners shall receive \$100.
- (4) A commissioner who has received a certificate of instruction for completion of a course of instruction for commissioners-in-charge, commissioners, and alternate commissioners held after selection for service in an election shall receive \$200.
- (5) An uncertified commissioner shall receive \$35.

Proposed law increases the compensation for commissioners and commissioners-in-charge who serve at the polling place on election day as follows:

- (1) A commissioner-in-charge shall receive \$300.
- (2) A commissioner-in-charge who serves at more than one precinct shall receive \$400.
- (3) A commissioner who has received a certificate of instruction for completion of a general course of instruction for commissioners shall receive \$150.
- (4) A commissioner who has received a certificate of instruction for completion of a course of instruction for commissioners-in-charge, commissioners, and alternate commissioners held after selection for service in an election shall receive \$250.
- (5) An uncertified commissioner shall receive \$85.

Present law provides that for an election held within one year following the date of the issuance of any gubernatorial declaration of an emergency, upon application of a parish board of election supervisors, the secretary of state may approve payment of up to \$100 per election or each day of assistance, if applicable, as compensation to each commissioner in addition to compensation provided for in present law.

Proposed law increases the additional compensation for commissioners to \$150 per election or each day of assistance in such circumstances.

Present law allows a parish board commissioner who serves on election day or during the counting and tabulating of provisional ballots to receive \$100 for elections with the approval of the secretary of state upon application by the parish board of election supervisors when it is reasonably expected that a large number of persons will vote prior to election day or if the election is held within one year following the date of issuance of any gubernatorial

declaration of an emergency. Provides for compensation of \$50 dollars for all other elections

Proposed law increases compensation to a parish board commissioner to \$150 upon application by the parish board and with approval of the secretary of state and to \$100 in all other elections and further authorizes compensation for recounts.

(Amends R.S. 18:426.1(A) and (B) and 1314(E))