

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 205

2026 Regular Session

Bacala

ELECTIONS/COMMISSIONERS: Provides for compensation for election commissioners

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Provide that the secretary of state, rather than the parish governing authority, may pay the proposed law supplemental payment.
2. Provide that the supplemental payment is subject to appropriation of funds.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law 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 general certificate of instruction from the annual training conducted by the clerk of court shall receive \$100.
- (4) A commissioner who has received a certificate of instruction from the training conducted by the clerk of court after being selected to serve in an election shall receive \$200.
- (5) An uncertified commissioner shall receive \$35.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that the compensation as provided for in present law shall serve as compensation for time worked on election day and for participation in any courses of instruction provided to election officials.

Proposed law provides that the secretary of state may pay each commissioner-in-charge, commissioner-in-charge who serves at more than one precinct, and commissioner who has received a certificate of instruction from the training conducted by the clerk of court after being selected to serve in an election a supplemental payment of \$100 per election day or each day of assistance, if applicable, in addition to the compensation provided for in present law, subject to the appropriation of funds.

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 by proposed law.

Proposed law retains present law.

Effective Jan. 1, 2027.

(Amends R.S. 18:426.1(B); Adds R.S. 18:426.1(C))