

Regular Session, 2008

SENATE BILL NO. 672

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

LEGISLATORS. Provides for a pay raise for legislators. (7/1/08)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 24:31.1(A), 502(A), 504(B), 506(A), and 507(B), relative to compensation of members of the legislature and per diem; to provide for per diem during regular and extraordinary sessions; to provide for an increase in the compensation paid to legislators; to provide for an increase in compensation paid to the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the Senate; to provide for an increase in the compensation paid to the speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate; to provide for an increase in compensation paid to the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the chairman of the Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee, the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, and the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 24:31.1(A), 502(A), 504(B), 506(A), and 507(B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§31.1. Salary for members; expense allowance; mileage allowance

A.(1) In addition to the per diem and all other allowances provided by law

1 for members of the Legislature of Louisiana, each member of the legislature, except
2 the president and the president pro tempore of the Senate, the chairman of the
3 Senate Finance Committee and the chairman of the Senate Revenue and Fiscal
4 Affairs Committee, and the speaker and the speaker pro tempore of the House of
5 Representatives, the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and the
6 chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, shall be paid a salary in the
7 full sum of ~~sixteen thousand eight hundred dollars per annum~~ thirty percent of the
8 annual salary for members of the United States Congress. Such salary shall be
9 adjusted as necessary effective July first annually. This salary shall be
10 compensation for service to the House of Representatives or the Senate, as
11 appropriate, including that rendered during regular and extraordinary sessions
12 of the legislature and during the interim between sessions.

13 (2) The salary of the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the
14 chairman of the Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee, the chairman
15 of the House Appropriations Committee, and the chairman of the House Ways
16 and Means Committee shall be thirty-five percent of the annual salary for
17 members of the United States Congress. Such salary shall be adjusted as
18 necessary effective July first annually. This salary shall be compensation to the
19 chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the chairman of the Senate
20 Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee, the chairman of the House
21 Appropriations Committee, and the chairman of the House Ways and Means
22 Committee for service to the Senate, including that rendered during regular and
23 extraordinary sessions of the legislature and during the interim between
24 sessions. The salary provided for in this Paragraph shall be payable in the same
25 manner as provided in R.S. 24:31.1(B). The chairmen of the Senate Finance
26 Committee and the Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee shall be
27 entitled to the per diem and all other allowances provided by law for members
28 of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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§502. Speaker of the House of Representatives; salary; expenses

A. The **annual** salary of the speaker of the House of Representatives shall be ~~thirty-two thousand dollars per annum~~ **forty-five percent of the annual salary for members of the United States Congress**, such salary to be payable monthly on his own warrant and drawn on the general fund of the state. ~~This~~ **Such salary shall be adjusted as necessary effective July first annually. Subject to Subsection B,** ~~this~~ salary shall be compensation to the speaker for service to the House of Representatives, including that rendered during regular and extraordinary sessions of the legislature and during the interim between sessions.

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§504. Speaker pro tempore; assumption of duties of speaker; salary

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B. The **annual** salary of the speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives shall be ~~twenty-four thousand five hundred dollars per annum~~ **thirty-five percent of the annual salary for members of the United States Congress. Such salary shall be adjusted as necessary effective July first annually.** This salary shall be compensation to the speaker pro tempore for service to the House of Representatives, including that rendered during regular and extraordinary sessions of the legislature and during the interim between sessions. The salary provided for in this Section shall be payable in the same manner as provided in R.S. 24:31.1(B). The speaker pro tempore shall be entitled to the per diem and all other allowances provided by law for members of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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§506. President of the Senate; salary; expenses

A. The **annual** salary of the president of the Senate shall be ~~thirty-two thousand dollars per annum~~ **forty-five percent of the annual salary for members of the United States Congress**, such salary to be payable monthly on his own warrant and drawn on the general fund of the state. ~~This~~ **Such salary shall be**

adjusted as necessary effective July first annually. Subject to Subsection B, this
salary shall be compensation to the president for service to the Senate, including that
rendered during regular and extraordinary sessions of the legislature and during the
interim between sessions.

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§507. President pro tempore; assumption of duties of president; salary

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B. The annual salary of the president pro tempore of the Senate shall be
~~twenty-four thousand five hundred dollars per annum~~ thirty-five percent of the
annual salary for members of the United States Congress. Such salary shall be
adjusted as necessary effective July first annually. This salary shall be
compensation to the president pro tempore for service to the Senate, including that
rendered during regular and extraordinary sessions of the legislature and during the
interim between sessions. The salary provided for in this Section shall be payable
in the same manner as provided in R.S. 24:31.1(B). The president pro tempore shall
be entitled to the per diem and all other allowances provided by law for members of
the Legislature of Louisiana.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2008.

The original instrument was prepared by Alden A. Clement, Jr. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Riley Boudreaux.

DIGEST

Duplessis (SB 672)

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 revises the salary of members of the legislature, as follows:

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall be paid 45% of the annual salary for members of the U.S. Congress. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House shall be paid 35% of the annual salary for members of the U.S. Congress.

The salary of the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Ways and Means Committee shall be 35% of the annual salary for members of the U.S. Congress. The chairmen of Senate Finance and Revenue and Fiscal Affairs shall

be entitled to per diem and other allowances provided by law for members of the legislature.

All other members of the legislature shall be paid 30% of the annual salary for members of the U.S. Congress.

All salaries shall be adjusted as necessary effective July 1 annually.

Effective July 1, 2008.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the original bill.

1. Revises salary of membership of the legislature, as follows:

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall be paid 45% of the annual salary for members of the U.S. Congress. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House shall be paid 35% of the annual salary for members of the U.S. Congress.

The salary of the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Ways and Means Committee shall be 35% of the annual salary for members of the U.S. Congress. The chairmen of Senate Finance and Revenue and Fiscal Affairs shall be entitled to per diem and other allowances provided by law for members of the legislature.

All other members of the legislature shall be paid 30% of the annual salary for members of the U.S. Congress.

All salaries shall be adjusted as necessary effective July 1 annually.

2. Increases each member's monthly expense allowance from \$500 per month to \$1,000 per month.
3. Makes effective July 1, 2008.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Deletes provision increasing each member's monthly expense allowance from \$500 per month to \$1,000 per month.
2. Deletes provision providing that per diem shall only be paid during regular and special sessions, and not during the interim.