

1 WHEREAS, the law provides that each registrar shall automatically receive an
2 annual salary increase to the next step on July first until his annual salary equals the highest
3 step of the appropriate population range; and

4 WHEREAS, each registrar whose salary is at the level of step one or higher is
5 evaluated as to merit in January, and upon a finding of "excellent" on the merit evaluation,
6 the registrar receives an additional salary increase to the next step until the registrar's salary
7 is equal to the highest step of the appropriate population range; and

8 WHEREAS, the law provides that the criteria and procedure for the merit evaluation
9 shall be determined by the secretary of state in conjunction with the Registrar of Voters
10 Association; and

11 WHEREAS, the Election Code also provides for a seven percent raise in the
12 registrar's salary if the registrar satisfies the requirements for the voter registration
13 administrator's certification program; and

14 WHEREAS, R.S. 18:1400.8 provides that expenses incurred by a registrar of voters
15 and his permanent employees to perform election duties and responsibilities associated with
16 early voting on any day during the week between 4:30 p.m. and the time that early voting
17 terminates that day and on any Saturday on which early voting is conducted shall be paid by
18 the state from funds appropriated to the secretary of state for that purpose; and

19 WHEREAS, in light of concerns expressed recently regarding a number of issues
20 involving registrars of voters and in light of the importance of the voter registration process,
21 it is desirable to examine the compensation, evaluation, appointment, and placement within
22 the structure of government of registrars of voters and payment of expenses incurred by a
23 registrar of voters for early voting.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
25 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create a subcommittee of the House Committee on
26 House and Governmental Affairs to examine and study the compensation, evaluation,
27 appointment, and placement within the structure of government of registrars of voters;
28 payment of expenses incurred by a registrar of voters for early voting; and any related issues
29 that the subcommittee deems appropriate.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairman of the House Committee on House
2 and Governmental Affairs shall appoint the members of the subcommittee and designate the
3 chairman and vice chairman of the subcommittee.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee shall be responsible for
5 examining all matters relating to the compensation, evaluation, appointment, and placement
6 within the structure of government of registrars of voters; payment of expenses incurred by
7 a registrar of voters for early voting; and any related issues that the subcommittee deems
8 appropriate.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee shall make such studies as it
10 shall find necessary or appropriate to carry out its purposes; for the purposes of conducting
11 such studies, the subcommittee may call upon the staffs of any department, agency, or
12 official of the state for data and assistance; all such departments, agencies, and officials shall
13 cooperate with the subcommittee; and the subcommittee may request and utilize the
14 assistance of any and all public and private sources.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee shall solicit input,
16 recommendations, and advice from the following:

- 17 (1) The secretary of state.
- 18 (2) The commissioner of elections.
- 19 (3) The attorney general.
- 20 (4) The Louisiana Clerks of Court Association.
- 21 (5) The Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association.
- 22 (6) The Police Jury Association of Louisiana.
- 23 (7) The Department of State Civil Service.
- 24 (8) The legislative auditor.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee shall have the power and
26 authority of a standing committee to hold hearings, require the production of books and
27 records, and do all other things necessary to discharge its duties and responsibilities.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee shall make a report of its
29 findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the House Committee on
30 House and Governmental Affairs no later than thirty days prior to the 2016 Regular Session.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee shall be dissolved upon the
2 adjournment sine die of the 2016 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

DIGEST

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Creates and provides for a subcommittee of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to study certain matters relative to registrars of voters, including compensation, evaluation, appointment, and placement within the structure of government of registrars of voters and payment of expenses incurred by a registrar of voters for early voting.

Requires the special subcommittee to make a report of its findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the committee no later than 30 days prior to the 2016 R.S.

Provides that the special subcommittee is dissolved upon the adjournment sine die of the 2016 R.S.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original resolution:

1. Add to the list of issues to be studied by the subcommittee the payment of expenses incurred by a registrar of voters for early voting.
2. Add the legislative auditor to the list of officials and entities that the subcommittee must solicit input, recommendations, and advice from in conducting the study.