

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2015 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 207 by Senator Riser

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, at the end of line 2, delete the comma ","

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 3, change "paying" to "payment"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 3

6 On page 1, line 7, after "(C)(1)" and before "and" delete the comma ","

7 AMENDMENT NO. 4

8 On page 3, line 11, after "Section 2." delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 12 and  
9 13 and insert the following:

10 "R.S. 18:1400.2(A), the introductory paragraph of (B)(1), and (C)(1) and 1400.8 are  
11 hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

12 §1400.2. Election costs paid by secretary of state; governing authorities;  
13 reimbursement

14 A. The costs of publication of the location of polling places; of renting  
15 polling places; of drayage; of setting up voting machines; of compensating  
16 commissioners and deputy parish custodians; ~~of paying election expenses incurred~~  
17 ~~by a registrar of voters and his permanent employees as provided by R.S. 18:1400.8;~~  
18 and of transmitting election returns for gubernatorial and congressional elections,  
19 whether or not a gubernatorial or congressional candidate appears on the ballot, shall  
20 be paid by the state from funds appropriated to the secretary of state for that purpose,  
21 except that when a local or municipal candidate or a local bond, debt, tax,  
22 proposition, or question also appears on the ballot, the state shall be required to pay  
23 one-half of such costs. The remaining one-half shall be prorated between the state  
24 and all local or municipal entities participating in such election. In the case of the  
25 offices of justice of the peace and constable of a justice of the peace court, the costs  
26 shall be prorated to the parish governing authority. The pro rata share of a local or  
27 municipal entity shall be determined by dividing the number of that entity's offices,  
28 propositions, or questions on the ballot by the total number of all offices,  
29 propositions, or questions on the ballot within that local jurisdiction.

30 B.(1) The cost of publication of the location of polling places; of renting  
31 polling places; of drayage; of setting up voting machines; of compensating  
32 commissioners and deputy parish custodians; ~~of paying election expenses incurred~~  
33 ~~by a registrar of voters and his permanent employees as provided by R.S. 18:1400.8;~~  
34 and of transmitting election returns for any special election when any of the  
35 following appear on the ballot shall be paid by the state from funds appropriated to  
36 the secretary of state for that purpose:

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38 C.(1) The cost of publication of the location of polling places; of renting  
39 polling places; of drayage; of setting up voting machines, which cost shall be ten

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1 dollars per machine; of compensating commissioners and deputy parish custodians;  
2 ~~of paying election expenses incurred by a registrar of voters and his permanent~~  
3 ~~employees as provided by R.S. 18:1400.8;~~ and of transmitting election returns for  
4 any election not provided for in Subsections A and B of this Section shall be paid by  
5 the appropriate governing authority that relates to the character of office or issue  
6 involved in such election. In the case of the offices of justice of the peace and  
7 constable of a justice of the peace court, the costs shall be prorated to the parish  
8 governing authority. Except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, if more  
9 than one governing authority is involved in an election, a statement of such expenses  
10 shall be transmitted to each governing authority involved in the election and payment  
11 thereof shall be prorated among the governing authorities as equitably as possible.

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13 §1400.8. Expenses incurred by registrars of voters conducting early voting; payment  
14 by secretary of state

15 Election expenses incurred by a registrar of voters and his permanent  
16 employees to perform election duties and responsibilities associated with early  
17 voting on any day during the week between 4:30 p.m. and the time that early voting  
18 terminates that day and on any Saturday on which early voting is conducted shall be  
19 paid by the state from funds appropriated to the secretary of state for that purpose  
20 ~~and shall be a reimbursable election expense as provided by R.S. 18:1400.2.~~

21 Section 3.(A) This Section and Section 1 of this Act shall become effective  
22 on January 1, 2016.

23 (B) Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on December 31, 2017."