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## DIGEST

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HB 470 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** To provide for appeals of merit evaluations of a registrar of voters to be conducted by the State Board of Election Supervisors.

Present law provides relative to the compensation of registrars of voters. Provides for a five-category population range and 12-step pay scale for the salaries of registrars of voters. Provides for each registrar to automatically receive an annual salary increase to the next step on July first until his annual salary equals the highest step of the appropriate population range.

Present law further provides that each registrar whose salary is at the level of step one or higher shall be evaluated as to merit in Jan. Provides that upon a finding of "excellent" on a merit evaluation, the registrar receives a salary increase to the next step until his salary is equal to the highest step of the appropriate population range. Provides that the criteria and procedure for the merit evaluation shall be determined by the secretary of state in conjunction with the Registrar of Voters Assoc. Requires the secretary of state or his designee acting on his behalf to evaluate each registrar.

Proposed law retains present law. Additionally provides that a registrar may appeal the finding on a merit evaluation to the State Bd. of Election Supervisors in accordance with rules promulgated by the board. Provides that if a member of the board participates in the merit evaluation of a registrar, the member shall not participate in an appeal of the evaluation.

Present law (R.S. 18:23) provides relative to the State Bd. of Election Supervisors. Provides certain procedural requirements and for the powers and duties of the board. Provides that the membership of the board is as follows:

- (1) The lieutenant governor.
- (2) The secretary of state.
- (3) The attorney general.
- (4) The commissioner of elections or a designee of the secretary of state, as determined by the secretary of state.
- (5) One member of the Clerks of Court Assoc. elected by the membership thereof to serve a four-year term concurrent with that of the governor.

- (6) One member of the Registrars of Voters Assoc. elected by the membership thereof to serve a four-year term concurrent with that of the governor.
- (7) One member appointed by the governor, for a term concurrent with the governor, from a list of nominees submitted by the presidents of certain private universities in the state, subject to Senate confirmation.

Proposed law retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 18:55(A)(4)(b); Adds R.S. 18:24(A)(6))