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SB 207 Engrossed

2015 Regular Session

Riser

Present law (R.S. 18:1400.2) provides for the payment of costs of publication of the location of polling places, of renting polling places, of drayage, of setting up voting machines, of compensating commissioners and deputy parish custodians, and of transmitting election returns. For gubernatorial and congressional elections and special elections for state candidates, candidates for state legislature, district court and juvenile court candidates, candidates for district attorney, and proposed constitutional amendments, provides that such costs are shared by the state and local governments depending on what is on the ballot.

Present law provides that for all other elections, such costs are paid by the appropriate governing authority that relates to the character of office or issue involved in the election. Provides that the secretary of state may initially pay such costs, but that the appropriate governing authority must reimburse all such costs to the secretary of state, who must remit the funds to the state treasurer.

Proposed law retains present law and adds payment of election expenses incurred by a registrar of voters and his permanent employees to the list of costs covered by present law.

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

Proposed law provides that such expenses are reimbursable election expenses as provided in present law and proposed law (R.S. 18:1400.2). Otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law becomes effective on January 1, 2016, and ceases to be effective on December 31, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 18:1400.2(A), (B)(1)(intro. para.), and (C)(1) and 1400.8)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the engrossed bill:

1. Add provisions that repeal proposed law changes effective Dec. 31, 2017.