

2019 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 174

BY SENATOR JOHNS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

AGED PERSONS. Provides relative to the annual appropriation for the councils on aging.
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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1606(A) and (B)(1), relative to the annual appropriation for the councils on aging; to provide for an increase in the minimum appropriation; to provide for an increase to the maximum allocation; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 46:1606(A) and (B)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1606. Annual appropriation

A. The legislature shall appropriate to the office of elderly affairs, for distribution by the executive director of the office to the various voluntary parish councils on aging, funds sufficient to allocate to each parish council two dollars and fifty cents for each person sixty years or older who is a resident of the parish as shown by the latest official census estimate or ~~thirty-seven thousand five hundred~~ **one hundred thousand** dollars, whichever is greater. The office of elderly affairs shall include funds in their annual budget request for increases in funding based on the number of elderly as estimated in the above census. Notwithstanding the

1 foregoing, such total annual appropriation shall be for a minimum of ~~two million~~
 2 ~~seven hundred seventy-six thousand eight hundred~~ **six million nine hundred**
 3 **thousand** dollars. For Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and each year thereafter, there shall be
 4 a maximum allocation of one hundred thousand dollars to any one parish council on
 5 aging pursuant to this Subsection unless additional funds are appropriated for that
 6 purpose:

7 B.(1) Funds appropriated by the legislature pursuant to Subsection A of this
 8 Section shall be distributed by the executive director of the office of elderly affairs
 9 and shall be allocated to each parish council in an amount equal to two dollars and
 10 fifty cents for each resident of the parish age sixty years or older, as shown by the
 11 latest official estimate approved by the United States Bureau of the Census, or ~~thirty-~~
 12 ~~seven thousand five hundred~~ **one hundred thousand** dollars, whichever is greater.
 13 The sums so allocated shall be distributed quarterly during the first thirty days of
 14 each quarter of the fiscal year. In appropriating funds pursuant to this Section, the
 15 legislature shall specifically provide for the allocation of funds to the respective
 16 parish councils in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christine Arbo Peck.

DIGEST

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Present law provides for an annual appropriation for the councils on aging. Present law provides for an allocation of \$2.50 per person age 60 or older in the parish based on the latest official census estimate. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides for a minimum allocation per parish in the amount of \$37,500. Proposed law increases the per parish minimum from \$37,500 to \$100,000.

Present law provides for a total minimum annual appropriation for the councils on aging in the amount of \$2,776,800. Proposed law increases the total minimum annual appropriation from \$2,776,800 to \$6,900,000.

Proposed law removes provision providing a maximum allocation for any one parish council on aging of \$100,000 unless additional funds are appropriated.

Effective August 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 46:1606(A) and (B)(1))