

2023 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 116

BY SENATORS HENRY, FESI, KLEINPETER AND WOMACK

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

BUDGET PROCEDURE. Provides for an increase in the allocation of funds to parish councils on aging for senior centers. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1608(A) and (B), relative to the appropriation of funds to the
3 office of elderly affairs; to provide relative to the allocation of funds to parish
4 councils on aging for senior centers; to increase the allocation; to provide for
5 effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 46:1608(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
8 follows:

9 §1608. Senior centers; appropriation; allocation of funds; parish-specific provisions

10 A. The legislature shall appropriate annually to the office of elderly affairs,
11 hereinafter referred to as the "office", for distribution by the executive director of the
12 office to the various voluntary parish councils on aging, except in Rapides Parish to
13 a corporation or organization which has provided senior center services for a
14 minimum of two years and which is hereinafter referred to as the Rapides Parish area
15 agency, for the operation of senior centers throughout the state, funds sufficient to
16 allocate to each parish council on aging, except in Rapides Parish to the Rapides
17 Parish area agency a sum equal to ~~twenty-five~~ **fifty** thousand dollars, plus five dollars

1 and eighteen cents per person above a base population of three thousand persons age
 2 sixty years or older who are residents of the parish, as shown by the latest official
 3 census estimate, but in no case less than ~~twenty-five~~ **fifty** thousand dollars. The
 4 office shall include funds in their annual budget request for increases in funding
 5 based on the number of elderly as estimated in the census estimate.

6 B. Funds appropriated by the legislature pursuant to Subsection A of this
 7 Section shall be distributed by the executive director of the office and shall be
 8 allocated to each parish council on aging, except in Rapides Parish to the Rapides
 9 Parish area agency, in the amount of a sum equal to ~~twenty-five~~ **fifty** thousand
 10 dollars, plus five dollars and eighteen cents per person above a base population of
 11 three thousand persons age sixty years or older who are residents of the parish as
 12 shown by the latest official census estimate, but in no case less than ~~twenty-five~~ **fifty**
 13 thousand dollars. The sums so allocated shall be distributed quarterly during the first
 14 thirty days of each quarter of the fiscal year. In appropriating funds pursuant to this
 15 Section, the legislature shall specifically provide for the allocation of funds to the
 16 respective parish councils, except in Rapides Parish to the Rapides Parish area
 17 agency, in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

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19 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 20 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 21 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 22 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 23 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Curry Lann.

SB 116 Engrossed

DIGEST
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Henry

Present law requires the legislature to appropriate no less than \$25,000 annually to the office of elderly affairs for distribution to various voluntary parish councils on aging for the operation of senior centers throughout the state. Requires the executive director of the office of elderly affairs to distribute the funds to each parish council on aging quarterly.

Proposed law increases the minimum appropriation requirement from \$25,000 to \$50,000 and otherwise retains present law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 46:1608(A) and (B))