

SENATE BILL NO. 116

BY SENATORS HENRY, FESI, KLEINPETER AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, BOYD, BRASS, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CORMIER, FISHER, FREEMAN, GAROFALO, GLOVER, GREEN, HORTON, HUGHES, JENKINS, KNOX, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, LYONS, DUSTIN MILLER, MOORE, PHELPS, PIERRE, SCHLEGEL, SELDERS, STAGNI AND WILLARD

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

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 "Rapides Parish area agency"**, for the operation of senior centers
16 throughout the state, funds sufficient to allocate to each parish council on aging,
17 except in Rapides Parish to the Rapides Parish area agency a sum equal to ~~twenty-~~
18 **five fifty** thousand dollars, plus five dollars and eighteen cents per person above a
19 base population of three thousand persons age sixty years or older who are residents
20 of the parish, as shown by the latest official census estimate, but in no case less than
21 ~~twenty-five~~ **fifty** thousand dollars. The office shall include funds in their annual
22 budget request for increases in funding based on the number of elderly as estimated

1 in the census estimate.

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

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____