

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 126

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

COUNCILS ON AGING: Modifies the funding formula used to determine minimum state funding allocations to parish councils on aging and increases the minimum aggregate total that is to be appropriated annually to the office of elderly affairs for such allocations

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1606(A) and (B)(1), relative to state funding for parish  
3 councils on aging; to modify the funding formula for determining annual state  
4 funding for each such council; to provide for distribution of such funding; to provide  
5 minimum amounts to be appropriated for such funding; to provide for applicability;  
6 to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

10 §1606. Annual appropriation

11 A. The legislature shall appropriate to the office of elderly affairs, for  
12 distribution by the executive director of the office to the various voluntary parish  
13 councils on aging, funds sufficient to allocate to each parish council ~~two~~ four dollars  
14 ~~and fifty cents~~ for each person sixty years or older who is a resident of the parish as  
15 shown by the latest official census estimate or one hundred fifty thousand dollars,  
16 whichever is greater. The office of elderly affairs shall include funds in their annual  
17 budget request for increases in funding based on the number of elderly as estimated  
18 in the above census. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such total annual appropriation

1 shall be for a minimum of ~~six million nine hundred thousand~~ ten million four  
2 hundred ninety-four thousand two hundred thirty-eight dollars.

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

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14 Section 2.(A) The provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective when  
15 an Act of the Louisiana Legislature containing a specific appropriation of monies for the  
16 implementation of the provisions of this Act becomes effective.

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

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#### DIGEST

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HB 126 Engrossed

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Lyons

**Abstract:** Modifies the state funding formula for minimum distributions to parish councils on aging by increasing per person allotments and minimum parish allotments used in such formula. Further increases the aggregate total minimum appropriation for such funding.

Present law establishes a funding formula for distribution of state funding to parish councils on aging. Requires such funding to be distributed quarterly by the office of elderly affairs to each parish council on aging.

Present law requires such funding to be distributed in an amount equal to \$2.50 for each resident of the parish age 60 or older as of the latest federal decennial census or \$100,000, whichever amount is greater. Proposed law retains present law but increases the minimum per resident amount from \$2.50 to \$4.00 and increases the standard per parish minimum amount from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Present law requires the minimum total annual appropriation for such distributions to be \$6,900,000. Proposed law increases this amount to \$10,494,238.

Effective upon appropriation of funds by the legislature.

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

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the original bill:

1. Make effectiveness of proposed law subject to appropriation of monies by the legislature for the implementation of proposed law.