

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 3

BY SENATOR FESI

PARISHES. Requires that notice of introduction of a bill changing the method and amount of compensation or mileage paid school board members be posted on the official website of the school board. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:56(A)(1), (D), and (E), relative to compensation of school

3 board members; to provide for notice of changes in compensation or mileage paid

4 to board members; to require posting on the official school board website of any

5 proposed change in compensation or mileage; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:56(A)(1), (D), and (E) are hereby amended and reenacted to read

8 as follows:

9 §56. Compensation of board members and executive committee members

10 A.(1) Members of all parish and city school boards are authorized to receive

11 compensation not to exceed fifty dollars per day for every meeting of the school

12 board. School board members shall not be paid for more than one hundred forty-four

13 days in any one year; provided that no member shall be compensated for more than

14 twelve meetings per month, or, in lieu of such per diem, the school board may elect,

15 by a vote of a majority of the elected members, to go on an expense allowance basis,

16 in which event the maximum allowance shall be eight hundred dollars per month for

17 each member of the school board and nine hundred dollars per month for the school

1 board president. Additionally, members of all parish and city school boards are  
2 authorized to receive the same mileage allowance as provided to state elected  
3 officials going to and from the meetings for every meeting of the school board as  
4 well as reimbursement for travel and related expenses outside the school board's  
5 jurisdictional boundaries on school board business. Mileage shall be charged for each  
6 day of attendance at each session of the school board. Prior to a meeting of the  
7 members of any school board at which the members vote on the method and amount  
8 of compensation or mileage to be paid such members, or to make any change therein,  
9 the school board shall ~~advertise~~ **post on its official website** the time and place where  
10 the meeting is to be held ~~in the official journal of the parish of the school board on~~  
11 ~~at least two separate days~~ during the fifteen days immediately preceding ~~such~~ **the**  
12 meeting. Any increase in compensation shall be approved by a vote of two-thirds of  
13 the total membership of the school board.

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15 D. The compensation set forth in this Section shall not be changed by  
16 amendment to this Section, or by other Act regardless of whether it amends this  
17 Section, unless notice of intention to introduce the proposal has been ~~published on~~  
18 ~~two separate days without cost to the state in the official journal for the parish~~  
19 ~~wherein the board is located~~ **posted on the official website for the school board at**  
20 **least thirty days before action of the school board**. If the proposal would change  
21 the compensation of all school board members in the state, publication shall also be  
22 made in the official journal of the state. The ~~last day of publication~~ **posting on the**  
23 **official website for the school board** shall be at least thirty days prior to  
24 introduction of the bill. The notice shall state the amount of the change, the bill shall  
25 contain a recital that the notice has been given, and certification of such publication  
26 shall be attached to the bill.

27 E. Any change proposed by a parish or city school board from compensation  
28 based on per diem basis to an expense allowance basis as is authorized in Subsection  
29 ~~A hereof~~ **of this Section**, shall be adopted ~~only upon prior publication~~ **only after**

1 posting on the official website of the school board of such the proposed change  
2 in the official journal of the parish on at least two separate occasions within a period  
3 of for fifteen days preceding the meeting.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

# DIGEST

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Present law requires that school board meetings where changes to mileage and compensation are to be voted on and published in the official journal of the parish on two separate days during the 15 days immediately preceding the meeting.

Proposed law changes the notice requirement from the official journal of the parish to the official website of the school board making the change.

Proposed law retains provisions in present law that the notice state the amount of any change in compensation.

Present law requires that any proposal to change board from compensation based on per diem basis to an expense allowance basis be adopted only after prior publication of the proposed change in the official journal of the parish on at least two separate days within the period of 15 days preceding the meeting.

Proposed law provides that this proposed change be adopted only after posting on the official website of the school board for 15 days preceding the meeting.

Effective on August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 17:56(A)(1), (D), and (E))