

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 224

BY SENATOR FESI

SCHOOL BOARDS. Removes requirement for publication of local notice by school boards under certain circumstances. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:56(A)(1) and (E), relative to notice required by school boards
3 for changes in compensation; and to provide for related matters.
4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
5 Section 1. R.S. 17:56(A)(1) and (E) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
6 follows:
7 §56. Compensation of board members and executive committee members
8 A.(1) Members of all parish and city school boards are authorized to receive
9 compensation not to exceed fifty dollars per day for every meeting of the school
10 board. School board members shall not be paid for more than one hundred forty-four
11 days in any one year; provided that no member shall be compensated for more than
12 twelve meetings per month, or, in lieu of such per diem, the school board may elect,
13 by a vote of a majority of the elected members, to go on an expense allowance basis,
14 in which event the maximum allowance shall be eight hundred dollars per month for
15 each member of the school board and nine hundred dollars per month for the school
16 board president. Additionally, members of all parish and city school boards are
17 authorized to receive the same mileage allowance as provided to state elected

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

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13 E. Any change proposed by a parish or city school board from compensation
 14 based on per diem basis to an expense allowance basis as is authorized in Subsection
 15 A ~~hereof~~ **of this Section**, shall be adopted ~~only upon prior publication~~ **only after**
 16 **posting on the official website of the school board** of ~~such~~ **the** proposed change
 17 ~~in the official journal of the parish on at least two separate occasions within a period~~
 18 **of for** fifteen days preceding the meeting.

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)]

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

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

Present law requires that any proposal to change the 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) and (E))