

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 25

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS. Adjusts compensation schedule for Registrar of Voters.
(7/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:55(A)(1) and (2), and (C), 59(B)(1) and (2), and (C)(1) and
3 (2), and (E), and to enact R.S. 18:55(G) and 59(N), relative to the offices of parish
4 registrars of voters; to provide relative to compensation of registrars and their chief
5 deputies and confidential assistants; to provide for an effective date; and to provide
6 for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 18:55(A)(1) and (2), and (C), 59(B)(1) and (2), and (C)(1) and (2),
9 and (E) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:55(G) and 59(N) are hereby enacted
10 to read as follows:

11 §55. Compensation of registrar of voters; amount and manner of payment; reduction
12 during tenure prohibited; prohibited increase

13 A.(1) The annual salary of registrars of voters shall be based on the most
14 recent population figures as shown by the latest federal decennial census, ~~the~~
15 ~~Louisiana Tech University~~ population estimates ~~for Louisiana parishes~~ **published**
16 **pursuant to the United States Bureau of the Census Federal-State Cooperative**
17 **Program for Population Estimates**, or as determined by the governing authority

1 of each parish in accordance with law.

2 (2) The salary ranges and pay schedule for the registrars shall be as follows:

3	Population Range	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
4	0 to 40,000	\$57,769	\$59,502	\$61,287	\$63,126
5	40,001 to 60,000	\$64,188	\$66,113	\$68,097	\$70,140
6	60,001 to 100,000	\$70,607	\$72,725	\$74,907	\$77,154
7	100,001 to 200,000	\$77,026	\$79,337	\$81,717	\$84,168
8	200,001 to 1,000,000	\$83,445	\$85,948	\$88,526	\$91,182
9	<u>0 to 50,000</u>	<u>\$82,811</u>	<u>\$85,251</u>	<u>\$87,763</u>	<u>\$90,351</u>
10	<u>50,001 to 200,000</u>	<u>\$99,074</u>	<u>\$102,001</u>	<u>\$105,016</u>	<u>\$108,122</u>
11	<u>200,001 to 1,000,000</u>	<u>\$107,205</u>	<u>\$110,376</u>	<u>\$113,643</u>	<u>\$117,007</u>
12	Population Range	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
13	0 to 40,000	\$65,019	\$66,970	\$68,979	\$71,049
14	40,001 to 60,000	\$72,244	\$74,441	\$76,644	\$78,943
15	60,001 to 100,000	\$79,469	\$81,853	\$84,309	\$86,838
16	100,001 to 200,000	\$86,693	\$89,294	\$91,973	\$94,732
17	200,001 to 1,000,000	\$93,918	\$96,735	\$99,637	\$102,626
18	<u>0 to 50,000</u>	<u>\$93,062</u>	<u>\$95,853</u>	<u>\$98,729</u>	<u>\$101,691</u>
19	<u>50,001 to 200,000</u>	<u>\$111,366</u>	<u>\$114,707</u>	<u>\$118,148</u>	<u>\$121,692</u>
20	<u>200,001 to 1,000,000</u>	<u>\$120,517</u>	<u>\$124,133</u>	<u>\$127,857</u>	<u>\$131,692</u>
21	Population Range	Step 9	Step 10	Step 11	Step 12
22	0 to 40,000	\$73,180	\$75,375	\$77,637	\$79,966
23	40,001 to 60,000	\$81,311	\$83,751	\$86,263	\$88,851
24	60,001 to 100,000	\$89,443	\$92,126	\$94,890	\$97,737
25	100,001 to 200,000	\$97,574	\$100,501	\$103,516	\$106,622
26	200,001 to 1,000,000	\$105,705	\$108,876	\$112,143	\$115,507
27	<u>0 to 50,000</u>	<u>\$104,742</u>	<u>\$107,884</u>	<u>\$111,120</u>	<u>\$114,454</u>
28	<u>50,001 to 200,000</u>	<u>\$125,343</u>	<u>\$129,103</u>	<u>\$132,976</u>	<u>\$136,966</u>
29	<u>200,001 to 1,000,000</u>	<u>\$135,643</u>	<u>\$139,712</u>	<u>\$143,904</u>	<u>\$148,221</u>

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C. The annual compensation of each registrar of voters shall be based upon the most recent ~~census taken by the United States Government, Louisiana Tech University population estimates for Louisiana parishes, or upon the population figures of each parish~~ **population figures as shown by the latest federal decennial census, population estimates published pursuant to the United States Bureau of the Census Federal-State Cooperative Program for Population Estimates,** as determined by its governing authority ~~as provided by~~ **of each parish in accordance with** law.

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G. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Chapter to the contrary, the Department of State shall not adjust the annual salary of registrars of voters except once decennially one year after receiving the federal census.

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§59. Deputies, confidential assistants, and other permanent office employees; temporary employees; appointment and compensation; prohibited increase in compensation

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B.(1) The annual salary of the chief deputy registrar of voters in each parish shall be based on the most recent population figures as shown by the latest federal decennial census, ~~the Louisiana Tech University population estimates for Louisiana parishes~~ **published pursuant to the United States Bureau of the Census Federal-State Cooperative Program for Population Estimates,** or as determined by the governing authority of each parish in accordance with law.

(2) The salary ranges and pay schedule for the chief deputy shall be as follows:

Population Range	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
0 to 40,000	\$33,697	\$34,708	\$35,750	\$36,822
40,001 to 60,000	\$40,117	\$41,321	\$42,560	\$43,837

1	60,001 to 100,000	\$46,537	\$47,933	\$49,371	\$50,852
2	100,001 to 200,000	\$52,956	\$54,544	\$56,181	\$57,866
3	200,001 to 1,000,000	\$59,375	\$61,156	\$62,991	\$64,880
4	<u>0 to 50,000</u>	<u>\$52,319</u>	<u>\$53,844</u>	<u>\$55,414</u>	<u>\$57,032</u>
5	<u>50,001 to 200,000</u>	<u>\$68,583</u>	<u>\$70,595</u>	<u>\$72,668</u>	<u>\$74,803</u>
6	<u>200,001 to 1,000,000</u>	<u>\$76,714</u>	<u>\$78,970</u>	<u>\$81,295</u>	<u>\$83,688</u>
7	Population Range	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
8	0 to 50,000	\$37,927	\$39,064	\$40,236	\$41,443
9	50,001 to 200,000	\$45,152	\$46,507	\$47,902	\$49,339
10	60,001 to 100,000	\$52,378	\$53,949	\$55,568	\$57,235
11	100,001 to 200,000	\$59,602	\$61,390	\$63,232	\$65,129
12	200,001 to 1,000,000	\$66,827	\$68,831	\$70,896	\$73,023
13	<u>0 to 50,000</u>	<u>\$58,743</u>	<u>\$60,505</u>	<u>\$62,320</u>	<u>\$64,190</u>
14	<u>50,001 to 200,000</u>	<u>\$77,047</u>	<u>\$79,359</u>	<u>\$81,739</u>	<u>\$84,191</u>
15	<u>200,001 to 1,000,000</u>	<u>\$86,199</u>	<u>\$88,785</u>	<u>\$91,448</u>	<u>\$94,192</u>
16	Population Range	Step 9	Step 10	Step 11	Step 12
17	0 to 40,000	\$42,687	\$43,967	\$45,286	\$46,645
18	40,001 to 60,000	\$50,819	\$52,344	\$53,914	\$55,532
19	60,001 to 100,000	\$58,952	\$60,720	\$62,542	\$64,418
20	100,001 to 200,000	\$67,083	\$69,095	\$71,168	\$73,303
21	200,001 to 1,000,000	\$75,214	\$77,470	\$79,795	\$82,188
22	<u>0 to 50,000</u>	<u>\$66,116</u>	<u>\$68,099</u>	<u>\$70,142</u>	<u>\$72,246</u>
23	<u>50,001 to 200,000</u>	<u>\$86,717</u>	<u>\$89,319</u>	<u>\$91,998</u>	<u>\$94,758</u>
24	<u>200,001 to 1,000,000</u>	<u>\$97,017</u>	<u>\$99,928</u>	<u>\$102,926</u>	<u>\$106,013</u>
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26 C.(1) The annual salary of the confidential assistant to the registrar of voters
27 in each parish shall be based on the most recent population figures as shown by the
28 latest federal decennial census, ~~the Louisiana Tech University~~ population estimates
29 for Louisiana parishes **published pursuant to the United States Bureau of the**

1 Census Federal-State Cooperative Program for Population Estimates, or as
 2 determined by the governing authority of each parish in accordance with law.

3 (2) The salary ranges and pay schedule for the confidential assistant shall be
 4 as follows:

5	Population Range	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
6	0 to 40,000	\$27,281	\$28,099	\$28,942	\$29,810
7	40,001 to 60,000	\$33,699	\$34,710	\$35,751	\$36,823
8	60,001 to 100,000	\$40,117	\$41,321	\$42,560	\$43,837
9	100,001 to 200,000	\$46,537	\$47,933	\$49,371	\$50,852
10	200,001 to 1,000,000	\$52,956	\$54,544	\$56,181	\$57,866
11	<u>0 to 50,000</u>	<u>\$44,188</u>	<u>\$45,469</u>	<u>\$46,788</u>	<u>\$48,147</u>
12	<u>50,001 to 200,000</u>	<u>\$60,452</u>	<u>\$62,220</u>	<u>\$64,042</u>	<u>\$65,918</u>
13	<u>200,001 to 1,000,000</u>	<u>\$68,583</u>	<u>\$70,595</u>	<u>\$72,668</u>	<u>\$74,803</u>
14	Population Range	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
15	0 to 40,000	\$30,704	\$31,626	\$32,574	\$33,552
16	40,001 to 60,000	\$37,928	\$39,066	\$40,238	\$41,445
17	60,001 to 100,000	\$45,152	\$46,507	\$47,902	\$49,339
18	100,001 to 200,000	\$52,378	\$53,949	\$55,568	\$57,235
19	200,001 to 1,000,000	\$59,602	\$61,390	\$63,232	\$65,129
20	<u>0 to 50,000</u>	<u>\$49,591</u>	<u>\$51,079</u>	<u>\$52,612</u>	<u>\$54,190</u>
21	<u>50,001 to 200,000</u>	<u>\$67,896</u>	<u>\$69,932</u>	<u>\$72,030</u>	<u>\$74,191</u>
22	<u>200,001 to 1,000,000</u>	<u>\$77,047</u>	<u>\$79,359</u>	<u>\$81,739</u>	<u>\$84,191</u>
23	Population Range	Step 9	Step 10	Step 11	Step 12
24	0 to 40,000	\$34,558	\$35,595	\$36,663	\$37,763
25	40,001 to 60,000	\$42,688	\$43,969	\$45,288	\$46,647
26	60,001 to 100,000	\$50,819	\$52,344	\$53,914	\$55,532
27	100,001 to 200,000	\$58,952	\$60,720	\$62,542	\$64,418
28	200,001 to 1,000,000	\$67,083	\$69,095	\$71,168	\$73,303
29	<u>0 to 50,000</u>	<u>\$55,816</u>	<u>\$57,490</u>	<u>\$59,215</u>	<u>\$60,991</u>

1	<u>50,001 to 200,000</u>	<u>\$76,417</u>	<u>\$78,710</u>	<u>\$81,071</u>	<u>\$83,503</u>
2	<u>200,001 to 1,000,000</u>	<u>\$86,717</u>	<u>\$89,319</u>	<u>\$91,998</u>	<u>\$94,758</u>
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4 E. The annual compensation of each chief deputy registrar of voters and
 5 confidential assistant shall be based upon the most recent ~~census taken by the United~~
 6 ~~States Government, the Louisiana Tech University population estimates for~~
 7 ~~Louisiana parishes;~~ **population figures as shown by the latest federal decennial**
 8 **census, population estimates published pursuant to the United States Bureau of**
 9 **the Census Federal-State Cooperative Program for Population Estimates, or**
 10 ~~upon the population figures of each parish as determined by its governing authority~~
 11 ~~as provided by~~ **of each parish in accordance with** law.

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13 **N. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Chapter to the contrary,**
 14 **the Department of State shall not adjust the annual salaries of the chief deputy**
 15 **registrars of voters and confidential assistant to the registrars of voters except**
 16 **once decennially one year after receiving the federal census.**

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18 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026; if vetoed by the governor
 19 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day
 20 following such approval by the legislature or July 1, 2026, which ever is later.

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 provides pay schedules for registrars of voters, their chief deputies, and confidential assistants. Compensation is determined based on the population of the parish and the years of experience of the individual. Years of experience are provided as steps on the salary schedule.

Proposed law adjusts the present law steps to reduce the number of population levels and to increase the compensation in each step of the schedule for registrars of voters, chief deputies, and confidential assistants.

Present law provides the methods by which the population of each parish is determined including data from estimates by Louisiana Tech.

Proposed law adjusts the methods by which the population of each parish is determined but removes data estimates by Louisiana Tech.

Proposed law adds population figures from the latest federal decennial census published pursuant to the United States Bureau of the Census Federal State Cooperative Program for Population Estimates.

Proposed law adds provision that Department of State shall not adjust the annual salary of registrars of voters except once decennially one year after receiving the federal census.

Proposed law adds provision that Department of State shall not adjust the annual salary of chief deputy registrars of voters and confidential assistant to the registrars of voters- except once decennially one year after receiving the federal census.

Effective July 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 18:55(A)(1) and (2), and (C), 59(B)(1) and (2), and (C)(1) and (2), and (E); adds R.S. 18:55(G) and 59(N))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Provides for new source of information for population estimates as shown by the latest federal decennial census published pursuant to the United States Bureau of the Census Federal State Cooperative Program for Population Estimates.
2. Limits salary adjustments for registrars of voters to once decennially one year after receiving the federal census.
3. Provides for new source of information for population estimates as shown by the latest federal decennial census published pursuant to the United States Bureau of the Census Federal State Cooperative Program for Population Estimates.
4. Limits salary adjustments for chief deputy registrars of voters and confidential assistant to the registrars of voters to once decennially one year after receiving the federal census.