

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1201

BY REPRESENTATIVE ILLG

ELECTED OFFICIALS/COMP: Provides with respect to the compensation of statewide elected officials and legislators

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 24:31(A), 31.1(C)(2), 502(B), and 506(B) and R.S. 36:10,  
3 relative to compensation of elected officials; to provide for the salary of the governor  
4 and other statewide elected officials; to authorize a vehicle and housing allowance  
5 for statewide elected officials other than the governor; to provide for the per diem  
6 compensation of members of the legislature; to provide for the mileage allowance  
7 available to members of the legislature; to provide for per diem and mileage  
8 allowance for a member when engaged in official legislative business on days not  
9 in attendance on the body; and to provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 24:31(A), 31.1(C)(2), 502(B), and 506(B) are hereby amended and  
12 reenacted to read as follows:

13 §31. Compensation of members; per diem election

14 A.(1) The compensation of the members of the legislature shall be equal to  
15 the rate allowable for per diem deduction under 26 U.S.C. 162(h)(1)(B)(ii) for the  
16 location of the state capital during their attendance on that body and for no more than  
17 ten days a month when engaged in official legislative business on days not in  
18 attendance on the body.

19 (2) The per diem allowance for days engaged in official legislative business  
20 but not in attendance on the body shall be paid only upon the filing of a voucher by

1 the member with the respective presiding officer for each such day and approval of  
2 the presiding officer.

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4 §31.1. Salary for members; expense allowance; mileage allowance

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6 C.

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8 (2)(a) During the interim between sessions each member shall also be paid,  
9 for actual attendance at meetings of legislative committees of which he is a member  
10 and for any meeting or activity when attending to official legislative business for no  
11 more than ten days per month, a mileage allowance at the rate provided in Paragraph  
12 (1) of this Subsection for actual travel to and from the site of such meetings or  
13 activities.

14 (b) Mileage allowance ~~for legislative committee meetings~~ provided for in  
15 this Paragraph shall be paid only upon the filing by the member of a voucher with  
16 the respective presiding officer ~~of a voucher~~ for each such meeting or activity. The  
17 legislature or either house may, by appropriate resolution, provide that no mileage  
18 allowance shall be paid in the case of particular committees, ~~or particular meetings,~~  
19 or activities.

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21 §502. Speaker of the House of Representatives; salary; expenses

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23 B. ~~In addition to the days for which he is authorized a per diem as provided~~  
24 ~~in R.S. 24:31 or for attendance at meetings of legislative and other committees or~~  
25 ~~commissions during the interim between sessions, the speaker shall be paid the per~~  
26 ~~diem authorized in R.S. 24:31 for each day spent in the state capitol in the conduct~~  
27 ~~of the business of his office, upon filing of a voucher for each such day with the clerk~~

1 ~~of the House.~~ The speaker shall be entitled to the per diem and all other allowances  
2 provided for by law for members of the legislature.

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4 §506. President of the Senate; salary; expenses

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6 B. ~~In addition to the days for which he is authorized a per diem as provided~~  
7 ~~in R.S. 24:31 or for attendance at meetings of legislative and other committees or~~  
8 ~~commissions during the interim between sessions, the president shall be paid the per~~  
9 ~~diem authorized in R.S. 24:31 for each day spent in the state capitol in the conduct~~  
10 ~~of the business of his office, upon filing of a voucher for each such day with the~~  
11 ~~secretary of the Senate.~~ The president shall be entitled to the per diem and all other  
12 allowances provided for by law for members of the legislature.

13 Section 2. R.S. 36:10 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

14 §10. Statewide elected officials; salary and compensation

15 A. The annual salary of the governor during his term shall be ~~one hundred~~  
16 ~~thirty thousand dollars~~ equal to thirty-five percent of the average salary of the  
17 presidents of each public postsecondary education system for the fiscal year prior to  
18 the governor taking office, payable monthly upon his own warrant.

19 B.(1) The annual salary of each statewide elected official, except the  
20 governor, during his term shall be ~~one hundred fifteen thousand dollars~~ equal to  
21 thirty percent of the average salary of the presidents of each public postsecondary  
22 education system for the fiscal year prior to the elected official taking office, payable  
23 monthly upon the statewide elected official's own warrant.

24 (2) In addition to his salary, each statewide elected official, except the  
25 governor, shall be entitled to a monthly housing allowance of two thousand five  
26 hundred dollars per month and a monthly vehicle allowance of one thousand dollars  
27 per month payable upon the statewide elected official's own warrant.

28 Section 3. This Act shall become effective at noon on January 10, 2028.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides for the governor and other statewide officials to receive a salary equal to a percentage of the average salary of the presidents of each public postsecondary education system; provides for a vehicle and housing allowance for statewide elected officials other than the governor; authorizes members of the legislature to receive per diem and a mileage allowance for days during the interim between sessions when the member is engaged in official legislative business but not in attendance on the body.

Present law provides that members of the legislature may receive compensation, referred to as per diem, equal to the rate allowable for per diem deduction by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) for the location of the state capital during their attendance on the legislature.

Proposed law retains present law and further authorizes members of the legislature to receive the GSA rate for per diem for no more than 10 days a month when engaged in official legislative business on days not in attendance on the body.

Present law provides that in addition to per diem and all other allowances provided by law for members of the legislature, each member of the legislature, except the president and the president pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker and the speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives, shall be paid a salary in the full sum of \$16,800 per year.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that in addition to the per diem and salary and all other allowances provided by law for members of the legislature, each member shall be paid a mileage allowance for trips to and from the capitol during sessions of the legislature, regardless of the method of transportation, equal to the GSA standard mileage rate for business travel. Provides that such mileage allowance shall be paid for a number of trips not to exceed the number of calendar weeks, or fraction thereof, of the session.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that during the interim between sessions each member shall also be paid, for actual attendance at meetings of legislative committees of which he is a member, a mileage allowance equal to the GSA standard mileage rate for business travel for actual travel to and from the site of such meetings.

Proposed law retains present law and further authorizes members of the legislature to receive the same mileage allowance up to 10 days per month for any meeting or activity when engaging in official legislative business.

Present law provides that the mileage allowance for legislative committee meetings shall be paid only upon the filing by the member with the respective presiding officer of a voucher for each such meeting. Further provides that the legislature or either house may, by appropriate resolution, provide that no mileage allowance shall be paid in the case of particular committees or particular meetings.

Proposed law retains present law and requires the member to file a voucher for payment of the mileage allowance provided for by proposed law.

Present law provides that the salary of the speaker of the House of Representatives and president of the Senate shall be \$32,000 per year. Proposed law retains present law.

Further provides that in addition to the days for which he is authorized a per diem as provided in present law or for attendance at meetings of legislative and other committees or commissions during the interim between sessions, the speaker and president shall be paid the per diem for each day spent in the state capitol in the conduct of the business of his office, upon filing of a voucher for each such day with the clerk of the House.

Proposed law instead provides that the speaker and president shall be entitled to the per diem and all other allowances provided for by law for members of the legislature.

Present law sets the salary of the governor at \$130,000.

Proposed law instead sets the salary of the governor at 35% of the average salary of the presidents of each public postsecondary education system for the fiscal year prior to the governor taking office.

Present law sets the salary of each statewide elected official, except the governor, at \$115,000.

Proposed law instead sets the salary of each statewide elected official, except the governor, at 30% of the average salary of the presidents of each public postsecondary education system for the fiscal year prior to the governor taking office.

Proposed law provides for statewide elected officials, except the governor, to receive a housing allowance of \$2,500 per month and a vehicle allowance of \$1,000 per month.

(Amends R.S. 24:31(A), 31.1(C)(2), 502(B), and 506(B) and R.S. 36:10)