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DIGEST

SB 25 Reengrossed 2026 Regular Session Kleinpeter

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 the number of steps and to increase the compensation in the steps of the schedule for registrars of voters, chief deputies, and confidential assistants.

Proposed law requires that any registrar, chief deputy, or confidential assistant whose salary has remained at the level of step ten for more than twelve months receive a 5% salary increase upon a finding of "excellent" on the merit evaluation. No registrar, chief deputy, or confidential assistant shall receive more than five such annual salary increases.

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), (2), and (4)(b), and (C), 59(B)(1), (2), and (4)(b), and (C)(1), (2), and (4)(b), 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.

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the engrossed bill

1. Adjust the compensation and reduce the number of steps in the schedules for registrars of voters, chief deputies, and confidential assistants.
2. Provide for an annual 5% salary increase for registrars of voters, chief deputies, and confidential assistants in certain circumstances.
3. Make technical changes.