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SB 25 Re-Reengrossed

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**Registrars of Voters Pay Schedules**

Present law provides pay schedules for registrars of voters and 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 10 for more than 12 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 La. Tech.

Proposed law adjusts the methods by which the population of each parish is determined and removes data estimates by La. Tech as a method of determining parish population.

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 provides that the Dept. of State shall not adjust the annual salary of registrars of voters based on population changes except once decennially one year after receiving the federal census.

Proposed law provides that the Dept. of State shall not adjust the annual salary of chief deputies and confidential assistants based on population changes except once decennially one year after receiving the federal census.

**Senate District Map**

Present constitution (Const. Art. III, §6(A)) requires the legislature, by the end of the year following the year in which the state's population is reported to the president of the U.S. for each decennial federal census, to reapportion the representation in each house as equally as practicable on the basis of population shown by the census.

Present law provides boundaries for 39 Senate districts based upon the 2020 federal decennial census.

Proposed law redraws district boundaries for three Senate districts based upon the 2020 federal decennial census.

Proposed law provides that the new districts become effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

Proposed law specifies that precincts referenced in district descriptions are those precincts identified as Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the file named "2026 Precinct Shapefiles (1-27-2026)" available on the La. Legislature's website. Specifies that the 2026 Precinct

Shapefiles are based upon those Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the 2020 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the State of Louisiana as those files have been modified and validated through the data verification program of the La. legislature. Also specifies that if any such precinct has been subdivided by action of the parish governing authority on a nongeographic basis or subdivided by action of the parish governing authority on a geographic basis in accordance with present law, the enumeration of the general precinct designation shall include all nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof. Further provides that the territorial limits of the districts as enacted shall continue in effect until changed by law regardless of any subsequent change made to the precincts by the parish governing authority.

Proposed law also specifies that if any such precinct has been subdivided by action of the parish governing authority on a nongeographic basis or subdivided by action of the parish governing authority on a geographic basis in accordance with present law, the enumeration of the general precinct designation shall include all nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof. Further provides that the territorial limits of the districts as enacted shall continue in effect until changed by law regardless of any subsequent change made to the precincts by the parish governing authority.

Population data in the summaries accompanying this digest are derived from 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171), Summary File for La. Population data, statistical information, and maps are supplied for purposes of information and analysis and comprise no part of proposed law.

Proposed law specifies that proposed law does not reduce the term of office of any person holding any position or office on the effective date of proposed law for which the appointment or election is based upon a La. Senate district as composed pursuant to present law. Specifies that any position or office filled on or after the effective date of proposed law for which the appointment or election is based upon a La. Senate district shall be appointed or elected based on the district as it is described in proposed law.

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Proposed law regarding registrar of voters pay schedules is effective July 1, 2026.

Proposed law regarding redistricting of Senate districts is effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 18:55(A)(1), (2), and (4)(b) and (C) and 59(B)(1), (2), and (4)(b),(C)(1), (2), and (4)(b), and (E) and R.S. 24:35.1(33), (34) and (35); 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. Adjusts the compensation and reduce the number of steps in the schedules for registrars of voters, chief deputies, and confidential assistants.
2. Provides for an annual 5% salary increase for registrars of voters, chief deputies, and confidential assistants in certain circumstances.
3. Makes technical changes.

Senate Floor Amendments to reengrossed bill

1. Makes technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the re-reengrossed bill:

1. Specify that the prohibition against salary adjustment more than once after the decennial census applies only to adjustments based on population changes.
2. Make technical changes.

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the re-reengrossed bill:

1. Provide for the redistricting of the Senate.