

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



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 Opp. Chamb. Action: **W/ SEN FLOOR AMD**
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Dept./Agy.: Elected Officials		
Subject: Compensation of elected officials		Analyst: Julie Silva

ELECTED OFFICIALS/COMP RRF INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 2
 Provides with respect to the compensation of statewide elected officials and legislators

Proposed legislation authorizes a monthly housing allowance and monthly unvouchered expense allowance for statewide elected officials other than the governor. Provides for annual CPI-U based inflation adjustments to statewide elected official expense allowances.

Proposed legislation further authorizes members of the legislature to receive per diem and mileage reimbursement for up to ten days per month for days engaged in official legislative business, but not in attendance on the body. Proposed legislation further permits reimbursement for legislators for expenses related to maintaining a residence in Baton Rouge, not to exceed \$1,000 per month per member. Provides for annual CPI-U based inflation adjustments to legislative expense and residence allowances. Proposed legislation otherwise retains present law provisions relative to legislative salary, per diem during session, and mileage reimbursement.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0					\$0

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed legislation is expected to increase SGF expenditures beginning in FY 28. Due to multiple variables, an exact estimate is indeterminable; however, based on current data and assumptions, costs are estimated at approximately \$4.2 M annually. This includes approximately \$108,000 attributable to provide housing and expense allowances for statewide elected officials, approximately \$2.4 M for increased per diem payments to legislators, and up to approximately \$1.7 M associated with legislator residence reimbursements in Baton Rouge.

Proposed legislation authorizes a monthly unvouchered expense allowance of \$500 and a monthly housing allowance of \$1,000 for each statewide elected official other than the governor, resulting in an additional approximately \$108,000 annually. Proposed legislation further authorizes annual CPI-U based inflation adjustments to statewide elected official expense allowances.

The legislation is also expected to increase SGF expenditures for the legislature due to expanded per diem eligibility, estimated at up to \$2.4 M annually. This assumes full utilization of up to 95 eligible days per legislator for official legislative business outside of session and excludes variable costs such as travel reimbursements. Lower utilization would reduce costs, while inclusion of additional reimbursable expenses could increase total expenditures.

Proposed legislation further authorizes reimbursement for legislators for expenses related to maintaining a residence in Baton Rouge, not to exceed \$1,000 per month per member. The Legislative Budgetary Control Council is authorized to promulgate rules concerning reimbursement methods and administration of the allowance. Assuming full participation at the maximum allowed rate, annual costs associated with extending this reimbursement authority to legislators other than the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate could reach approximately \$1.7 M. The Speaker of the House and President of the Senate are already authorized under present law to receive similar reimbursements. Proposed legislation further authorizes annual CPI-U based inflation adjustments to legislative expense allowances and residence reimbursements. The fiscal impact associated with future inflation adjustments is indeterminable and will depend on future CPI-U growth and actual utilization.

These estimates reflect only those costs that can be reasonably quantified at this time and are intended for illustrative purposes, as shown on page two of this fiscal note. They do not represent a maximum potential cost, and actual expenditures may vary due to factors such as utilization levels, travel reimbursements, and future inflation adjustments.

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REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
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 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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CONTINUED EXPLANATION from page one:

Statewide Elected Officials Data:

	Expense Allowance	Housing Allowance	Total Increase
Lt. Governor	\$6,000	\$12,000	\$18,000
Secretary of State	\$6,000	\$12,000	\$18,000
Attorney General	\$6,000	\$12,000	\$18,000
Treasurer	\$6,000	\$12,000	\$18,000
Commissioner of Agriculture	\$6,000	\$12,000	\$18,000
Commissioner of Insurance	\$6,000	\$12,000	\$18,000
Total Annual Cost	\$36,000	\$72,000	\$108,000

Legislative Data:

Current Legislative Per Diem: \$178

144 legislators x 95 qualifying days per year x \$178 per diem = \$2,435,040

Current Mileage Reimbursement Rate: \$0.725

Maximum Monthly Residence Reimbursement Rate Under Proposed Legislation: \$1,000

142 legislators x 12 months per year x \$1,000 allowance = \$1,704,000

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