

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Registrars of Voters Pay Schedules

Existing law provides compensation schedules for registrars of voters and their chief deputies and confidential assistants based parish population and individual years of experience based on pay steps in the salary schedule.

New law reduces the number of pay steps to reduce the number of population levels and number of steps and increases compensation based on pay steps in the schedule for registrars of voters, chief deputies, and confidential assistants.

New 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 is to receive a 5% salary increase upon a finding of "excellent" on the merit evaluation. Prohibits any registrar, chief deputy, or confidential assistant from receiving more than five annual salary increases.

Existing law provides that each parish population be determined using the latest federal decennial census; population estimates by La. Tech. for parishes; or as determined by the parish governing authority.

New law removes population estimates by La. Tech as a method for determining parish population and provides for use of population estimates published by published the United States Bureau of the Census Federal State Cooperative Program for Population Estimates.

New law prohibits the Department of State from adjusting the annual salary of registrars of voters, chief deputies, or confidential assistants based on population changes except once decennially one year after receiving the federal census.

Senate District Map

Existing law provides for district boundaries for Senate District Nos. 33, 34, and 35 based upon the 2020 federal decennial census.

New law changes boundaries for Senate District Nos. 33, 34, and 35. Provides that precincts referenced in district descriptions are precincts identified as Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the file named "2026 Precinct Shapefiles (1-27-2026)" available on the La. Legislature's website.

New law provides that 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 legislature.

New law provides that if any 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 existing 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.

New law specifies that if any 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 existing law, the enumeration of the general precinct designation includes 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.

New law does not reduce the term of office of any person holding any position or office on the effective date of new law for which the appointment or election is based upon a La. Senate district as composed pursuant to existing law. Specifies that any position or office

filled on or after May 21, 2026 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 new law.

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

New law regarding redistricting of Senate districts is effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action - June 21, 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), and R.S. 24:35.1(33), (34), and (35); adds R.S. 18:55(G) and 59(N))