

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 360

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON

ELDERLY: Provides for the allocation of appropriations to the office of elderly affairs for the voluntary parish councils on aging

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1606(A) and (B)(1), relative to the office of elderly affairs;
3 to provide with respect to appropriations to the office of elderly affairs for purposes
4 of the voluntary councils on aging; to provide for the formula for allocation of
5 monies to the voluntary parish councils on aging; to provide for effectiveness; and
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 46:1606(A) and (B)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
9 as follows:

10 §1606. Annual appropriation

11 A. The legislature shall appropriate to the office of elderly affairs, for
12 distribution by the executive director of the office to the various voluntary parish
13 councils on aging, funds sufficient to allocate to each parish council ~~two dollars and~~
14 ~~fifty cents~~ six dollars for each person sixty years or older who is a resident of the
15 parish as shown by the latest official census estimate or ~~thirty-seven thousand five~~
16 one hundred thousand dollars, whichever is greater, but not to exceed ~~one three~~
17 hundred twenty-five thousand dollars to any one parish council. The office of
18 elderly affairs shall include funds in their annual budget request for increases in
19 funding based on the number of elderly as estimated in the above census.
20 Notwithstanding the foregoing, such total annual appropriation shall be for a

1 minimum of ~~two million seven hundred seventy-six thousand eight~~ seven million
2 nine hundred thousand nine hundred dollars.

3 B.(1) Funds appropriated by the legislature pursuant to Subsection A of this
4 Section shall be distributed by the executive director of the office of elderly affairs
5 and shall be allocated to each parish council in an amount equal to ~~two dollars and~~
6 ~~fifty cents~~ six dollars for each resident of the parish age sixty years or older, as
7 shown by the latest official estimate approved by the United States Bureau of the
8 Census, or ~~thirty-seven thousand five~~ one hundred thousand dollars, whichever is
9 greater, but not to exceed ~~one hundred~~ three hundred twenty-five thousand dollars
10 for any one parish council. The sums so allocated shall be distributed quarterly
11 during the first thirty days of each quarter of the fiscal year. In appropriating funds
12 pursuant to this Section, the legislature shall specifically provide for the allocation
13 of funds to the respective parish councils in accordance with the provisions of this
14 Section.

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16 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2014; if vetoed by the governor
17 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
18 2014, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

DIGEST

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Abstract: With respect to appropriations to the office of elderly affairs for allocation to the voluntary parish councils on aging, increases both the total amount to be appropriated as well as allocations to individual parishes.

Present law requires that certain monies appropriated to the office of elderly affairs be allocated to the voluntary parish councils on aging (parish) in the amount of \$2.50 for each person age 60 and older or \$37,500, whichever is greater.

Proposed law changes present law by increasing the allocation to each parish from \$2.50 for each person age 60 and older or \$37,500, whichever is greater to \$6.00 for each person age 60 and older or \$100,000, whichever is greater.

Present law limits the maximum amount allocated to any parish to \$100,000.

Proposed law increases the maximum amount allocated to any parish from \$100,000 to \$325,000.

Present law requires a minimum annual appropriation of \$2,776,800 to the office of elderly affairs for distribution to the parishes.

Proposed law increases the minimum annual appropriation from \$2,776,800 to \$7,900,900.

Effective July 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 46:1606(A) and (B)(1))