
DIGEST

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HB 223 Engrossed

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Abstract: Increases the compensation of commissioners who serve on election day, during early voting, and during a recount.

Present law (R.S. 18:426.1) provides that each commissioner who serves at the polling place on election day shall be paid according to the following:

- (1) A commissioner-in-charge shall receive \$250.
- (2) A commissioner-in-charge who serves more than one precinct shall receive \$350.
- (3) A commissioner who has received a certificate of instruction for completion of a general course of instruction for commissioners shall receive \$100.
- (4) A commissioner who has received a certificate of instruction for completion of a course of instruction for commissioners-in-charge, commissioners, and alternate commissioners held after selection for service in an election shall receive \$200.
- (5) An uncertified commissioner shall receive \$35.

Proposed law increases the compensation for commissioners and commissioners-in-charge who serve at the polling place on election day as follows:

- (1) A commissioner-in-charge shall receive \$300 instead of \$250.
- (2) A commissioner-in-charge who serves more than one precinct shall receive \$400 instead of \$350.
- (3) A commissioner who has received a certificate of instruction for completion of a general course of instruction for commissioners shall receive \$150 instead of \$100.
- (4) A commissioner who has received a certificate of instruction for completion of a course of instruction for commissioners-in-charge, commissioners, and alternate commissioners held after selection for service in an election shall receive \$250 instead of \$200.
- (5) An uncertified commissioner shall receive \$85 instead of \$35.

Present law provides that for an election held within one year following the date of the issuance of any gubernatorial declaration of an emergency, upon application of a parish board of election supervisors, the secretary of state may approve payment of up to \$100 per election or each day of assistance, if applicable, as compensation to each commissioner in addition to compensation provided for in present law.

Proposed law increases the additional compensation for commissioners from \$100 to \$150 per election or each day of assistance in such circumstances.

Present law (R.S. 18:1314(E)) allows a parish board commissioner who serves on election day or during the counting and tabulating of provisional ballots to receive \$100 for elections with the approval of the secretary of state upon application by the parish board of election supervisors when it is reasonably expected that a large number of persons will vote prior to election day. Proposed law removes the expectation of a large number of voters requirement. Increases compensation from \$100 to \$150. Present law provides for compensation of \$50 for all other elections. Proposed law increases compensation from \$50 to \$100.

Present law provides for additional compensation of up to \$100 for parish board commissioners for an election held within one year following a gubernatorial declaration of an emergency upon application of the parish board of election supervisors.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 18:426.1 and 1314(E))