

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 126

BY REPRESENTATIVES LYONS, ADAMS, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYD, BOYER, BRASS, BRAUD, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARRIER, WILFORD CARTER, COATES, FISHER, FREIBERG, GREEN, HORTON, HUGHES, ILLG, JACKSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JORDAN, KERNER, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, MACK, MARCELLE, MENA, MILLER, MOORE, NEWELL, OWEN, PHELPS, ROMERO, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, ST. BLANC, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, WALTERS, AND YOUNG AND SENATORS BARROW, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, CONNICK, DUPLESSIS, HARRIS, HENRY, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, KLEINPETER, MCMATH, MIZELL, PRICE, TALBOT, AND WOMACK

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1606(A) and (B)(1), relative to state funding for parish
3 councils on aging; to modify the funding formula for determining annual state
4 funding for each such council; to provide for distribution of such funding; to provide
5 minimum amounts to be appropriated for such funding; to provide for applicability;
6 to provide for an effective date; and 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 as
9 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~~ four dollars
14 ~~and fifty cents~~ for each person sixty years or older who is a resident of the parish as
15 shown by the latest official census estimate or one hundred fifty thousand dollars,
16 whichever is greater. The office of elderly affairs shall include funds in their annual
17 budget request for increases in funding based on the number of elderly as estimated
18 in the above census. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such total annual appropriation

1 shall be for a minimum of ~~six million nine hundred thousand~~ ten million four
2 hundred ninety-four thousand two hundred thirty-eight 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~~ four dollars
6 ~~and fifty cents~~ for each resident of the parish age sixty years or older, as shown by
7 the latest official estimate approved by the United States Bureau of the Census, or
8 one hundred fifty thousand dollars, whichever is greater. The sums so allocated shall
9 be distributed quarterly during the first thirty days of each quarter of the fiscal year.
10 In appropriating funds pursuant to this Section, the legislature shall specifically
11 provide for the allocation of funds to the respective parish councils in accordance
12 with the provisions of this Section.

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14 Section 2.(A) The provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective when
15 an Act of the Louisiana Legislature containing a specific appropriation of monies for the
16 implementation of the provisions of this Act becomes effective.

17 (B) The provisions of this Section shall become effective upon signature by the
18 governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become
19 law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the
20 Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the
21 legislature, the provisions of this Section shall become effective on the day following such
22 approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____