

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 205

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA

ELECTIONS/COMMISSIONERS: Provides for compensation for election commissioners

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:426.1, relative to compensation for election commissioners;
3 to increase compensation paid to certain election day commissioners; to provide for
4 the scope of compensated services; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 18:426.1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §426.1. Election commissioners; compensation

9 A. Each commissioner who serves at the polling place on election day shall
10 be paid according to the following:

11 (1) A commissioner-in-charge shall receive ~~two~~ three hundred fifty dollars.

12 (2) A commissioner-in-charge who serves at more than one precinct shall
13 receive ~~three~~ four hundred fifty dollars.

14 (3) A commissioner who has received a certificate of instruction, as provided
15 in R.S. 18:431(A), shall receive one hundred dollars.

16 (4) A commissioner who has received a certificate of instruction, as provided
17 in R.S. 18:431(B), shall receive ~~two~~ three hundred dollars.

18 (5) An uncertified commissioner shall receive thirty-five dollars.

1 B. The compensation provided for in Subsection A of this Section shall serve
2 as compensation for time worked on election day and for participation in any courses
3 of instruction provided for in this Part.

4 ~~B. C.~~ For an election held within one year following the date of the issuance
5 of any gubernatorial declaration of an emergency, upon application of a parish board
6 of election supervisors, the secretary of state may approve payment of up to one
7 hundred dollars per election or each day of assistance, if applicable, as compensation
8 to each commissioner in addition to compensation provided for in Subsection A of
9 this Section.

10 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

DIGEST

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HB 205 Original

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Abstract: Increases compensation for certain classes of election commissioners.

Present law 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. Proposed law increases such pay to \$350.
- (2) A commissioner-in-charge who serves at more than one precinct shall receive \$350. Proposed law increases such pay to \$450.
- (3) A commissioner who has received a certificate of instruction for commissioners shall receive \$100. Proposed law retains present law.
- (4) A commissioner who has received a certificate of instruction for commissioners-in-charge shall receive \$200. Proposed law increases such pay to \$300.
- (5) An uncertified commissioner shall receive thirty-five dollars. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that the compensation as provided for in proposed law shall serve as compensation for time worked on election day and for participation in any courses of instruction provided to election officials.

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 by proposed law.

Proposed law retains present law.

Effective Jan. 1, 2027.

(Amends R.S. 18:426.1)