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ELECTED OFFICIALS/COMP RR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 2
 Provides with respect to the compensation of statewide elected officials and legislators

Proposed legislation increases the salary of the governor and other statewide elected officials and authorizes a monthly housing allowance and monthly unvouchered expense allowance for statewide elected officials other than the governor. Proposed legislation further provides for annual CPI-U based inflation adjustments to legislator and statewide elected official expense allowances and provides for automatic salary adjustments for statewide elected officials beginning in 2032 based on Louisiana personal income growth.

Proposed legislation further authorizes members of the legislature to receive per diem and mileage reimbursement for up to ten days per month for days engaged in official legislative business, but not in attendance on the body. Proposed legislation further permits reimbursement for legislators for expenses related to maintaining a residence in Baton Rouge, not to exceed \$1,000 per month per member. Proposed legislation otherwise retains present law provisions relative to legislative salary, per diem during session, and mileage reimbursement.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0					\$0

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed legislation is expected to increase SGF expenditures significantly beginning in FY 28. Due to multiple variables, an exact estimate is indeterminable; however, based on current data and assumptions, costs are estimated at approximately \$4.7 M annually. This includes approximately \$530,000 attributable to changes in compensation and expense allowances for statewide elected officials, approximately \$2.4 M for increased per diem payments to legislators, and up to approximately \$1.7 M associated with legislator residence reimbursements in Baton Rouge.

Proposed legislation increases the salary of the governor from \$130,000 to \$174,000 annually and increases the salary of each of the six other statewide elected officials from \$115,000 to \$154,000 annually. These salary changes are anticipated to increase SGF expenditures by approximately \$278,000 annually. In addition, the bill authorizes a monthly unvouchered expense allowance of \$1,000 and a monthly housing allowance of \$2,500 for each statewide elected official other than the governor, resulting in an additional approximately \$252,000 annually. Proposed legislation further authorizes annual CPI-U based inflation adjustments to these expense allowances and automatic salary adjustments beginning in 2032, tied to Louisiana personal income growth, which will result in additional future expenditure growth that is indeterminable at this time.

The legislation is also expected to increase SGF expenditures for the legislature due to expanded per diem eligibility, estimated at up to \$2.4 M annually. This assumes full utilization of up to 95 eligible days per legislator for official legislative business outside of session and excludes variable costs such as travel reimbursements. Lower utilization would reduce costs, while inclusion of additional reimbursable expenses could increase total expenditures. The bill also modifies compensation for the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate by removing their current authority to receive unlimited per diem for official business at the state capitol and subjecting them to the same limitations as other members. Any resulting savings are expected to be minimal relative to the overall increase.

Proposed legislation further authorizes reimbursement for legislators for expenses related to maintaining a residence in Baton Rouge, not to exceed \$1,000 per month per member. The Legislative Budgetary Control Council is authorized to promulgate rules concerning reimbursement methods and administration of the allowance. Assuming full participation at the maximum allowed rate, annual costs associated with extending this reimbursement authority to legislators other than the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate could reach approximately \$1.7 M. The Speaker of the House and President of the Senate are already authorized under present law to receive similar reimbursements. Proposed legislation further authorizes annual CPI-U based inflation adjustments to legislative expense allowances and residence reimbursements. The fiscal impact associated with future inflation adjustments is indeterminable and will depend on future CPI-U growth and actual utilization.


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REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}


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The estimates below are illustrative and reflect only those costs that can be reasonably quantified at this time. They do not represent a maximum potential cost, and actual expenditures may vary due to utilization levels, travel reimbursements, future inflation adjustments, and future salary growth calculations.

Statewide Elected Officials Data:

	Present Salary	Proposed Salary	Annual Increase	Expense Allowance	Housing Allowance	Total Increase
Governor	\$130,000	\$174,000	\$34,000	n/a	n/a	\$44,000
Lt. Governor	\$115,000	\$154,000	\$39,000	\$12,000	\$30,000	\$81,000
Secretary of State	\$115,000	\$154,000	\$39,000	\$12,000	\$30,000	\$81,000
Attorney General	\$115,000	\$154,000	\$39,000	\$12,000	\$30,000	\$81,000
Treasurer	\$115,000	\$154,000	\$39,000	\$12,000	\$30,000	\$81,000
Commissioner of Agriculture	\$115,000	\$154,000	\$39,000	\$12,000	\$30,000	\$81,000
Commissioner of Insurance	\$115,000	\$154,000	\$39,000	\$12,000	\$30,000	\$81,000
Total Annual Cost	\$820,000	\$1,098,000	\$268,000	\$72,000	\$180,000	\$530,000

Legislative Data:


Current Legislative Per Diem: \$178
 144 legislators x 95 qualifying days per year x \$178 per diem = \$2,435,040

Current Mileage Reimbursement Rate: \$0.725

Maximum Monthly Residence Reimbursement Rate Under Proposed Legislation: \$1,000
 142 legislators x 12 months per year x \$1,000 allowance = \$1,704,000

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