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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS EN +\$496,168 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Adjusts compensation schedule for Registrar of Voters. (7/1/26)

Current law provides for the salary ranges and pay schedule for the Registrars of Voters, their Chief Deputies, and their Confidential Assistants. Compensation varies based on the population of a parish and the individual's years of experience, across 12 steps. Under current law, there are five population ranges: (1) 0 - 40,000; (2) 40,001 - 60,000; (3) 60,001 - 100,000; (4) 100,001 - 200,000; and (5) 200,001 - 1,000,000. Proposed law reduces the number of steps to 10 and reduces the compensation schedule to three population ranges: (1) 0 - 50,000; (2) 50,001 - 200,000; and (3) 200,001 - 1,000,000. Proposed law provides for an increase in salary across all steps for each of the new population ranges. Proposed law provides that any Registrar of Voters, Chief Deputy, or Confidential Assistant who has remained at step 10 for more than 12 months shall receive a 5% salary increase upon a finding of "excellent" on their merit evaluation but shall not receive this increase more than five times. Proposed law redraws district boundaries for three of the 39 Louisiana Senate districts.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$496,168	\$929,335	\$1,454,084	\$2,107,139	\$2,835,563	\$7,822,289
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	\$496,168	\$929,335	\$1,454,084	\$2,107,139	\$2,835,563	\$7,822,289
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in an increase in SGF expenditures within the Secretary of State's office for additional compensation for the Registrars of Voters and their Chief Deputies and Confidential Assistants. Under present law, compensation varies based on the population of the parish and the years of experience of the individual, with a maximum of 12 steps. Proposed law reduces the number of steps from 12 to 10, reduces the number of population ranges from five to three, and provides for an increase in salary across all population ranges and steps. In addition, proposed law provides that any Registrar of Voters, Chief Deputy, or Confidential Assistant who has remained at step 10 for more than 12 months shall receive a 5% salary increase upon a finding of "excellent" on their merit evaluation, but shall not receive this increase more than five times. *According to the Secretary of State's office, the local cost share of salaries has been capped; thus, any additional cost due to the implementation of the proposed law will be borne by the state.*

Based on the actual salaries of the current Registrar of Voters, Chief Deputies, and Confidential Assistants, the increased cost breakdown for salaries and related benefits is provided in the table below.


	Salary Increase	RB Increase	Total
FY 27	\$ 415,377	\$ 80,791	\$ 496,168
FY 28	\$ 778,012	\$151,323	\$ 929,335
FY 29	\$1,217,316	\$236,768	\$1,454,084
FY 30	\$1,764,034	\$343,105	\$2,107,139
FY 31	\$2,373,849	\$461,714	\$2,835,563

Proposed law also redraws the boundaries of three of the 39 Louisiana Senate districts. The department has an appropriation of \$2.8 M in the FY 26 budget to send mail notifications to registered voters about changes to the congressional districts. The department indicates they will send the Louisiana Senate district notifications out with the congressional notifications. Therefore, no additional appropriation is needed to implement this section of proposed law. For informational purposes, proposed law is anticipated to impact approximately 225,321 voters in Senate districts 33, 34, and 35. The department estimates mailers to cost approximately \$0.93 for a total of \$209,549 for these voters.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}


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