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## DIGEST

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HB No. 517

**Abstract:** Relative to the Council for the Development of French in La. (CODOFIL), authorizes per diem and certain expense reimbursements for council members and authorizes French-speaking elected officials to serve as nonvoting council members.

Present law provides for the membership of the Council for the Development of French in La. (CODOFIL), consisting of 23 members, who serve without compensation.

Proposed law provides for members to receive no salary for their services as members, but authorizes a per diem of \$50 for attending meetings of the council and actual travel expenses in accordance with travel regulations of the division of administration.

Proposed law additionally allows any French-speaking elected official in La. to serve on the council as a nonvoting member. Provides that a nonvoting member may be subject to the same provisions regarding compensation as appointed members.

(Amends R.S. 25:652(E); Adds R.S. 25:652(F))