

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 1036

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROSSETT

ELECTIONS/COMMISSIONERS: Authorizes an increase in compensation of absentee by mail and early voting commissioners for certain elections

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1314(E), relative to absentee by mail and early voting
3 commissioners; to provide relative to the compensation of such commissioners; to
4 provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:1314(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1314. Absentee by mail and early voting commissioners

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9 E. Compensation. An absentee by mail and early voting commissioner who
10 serves on election day or during the counting and tabulating of provisional ballots
11 shall receive fifty dollars or one hundred dollars for each day he serves: as provided
12 below:

13 (1) He shall receive one hundred dollars for elections for which the secretary
14 of state has approved such compensation. The secretary of state may provide such
15 approval upon application by the parish board of election supervisors when it is
16 reasonably expected that a large number of persons will vote prior to election day.

17 (2) He shall receive fifty dollars for elections other than those provided for
18 in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

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20 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
21 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
22 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

- 1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 2 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes an increase in compensation of absentee by mail and early voting commissioners for certain elections.

Present law provides qualifications for and procedures for selecting absentee by mail and early voting commissioners. Provides that a parish board of election supervisors may utilize absentee by mail and early voting commissioners to count absentee by mail and early voting ballots in the parish. Requires such ballots to be counted on election day. Provides that absentee by mail and early voting commissioners may assist the parish board of election supervisors in counting and tabulating provisional ballots in the parish. Provides that provisional ballots are counted on the third, and for some elections the fourth, day following the election. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that an absentee by mail and early voting commissioner who serves on election day or during the counting and tabulating of provisional ballots shall receive \$50 for each day he serves.

Proposed law provides instead that an absentee by mail and early voting commissioner who serves on election day or during the counting and tabulating of provisional ballots shall receive \$50 or \$100 for each day he serves as provided below:

- (1) \$100 for elections for which the secretary of state has approved such compensation. The secretary of state may provide such approval upon application by the parish board of election supervisors when it is reasonably expected that a large number of persons will vote prior to election day.
- (2) \$50 for service rendered in connection with elections other than those provided for in (1) above.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 18:1314(E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill.

1. Removes provisions of proposed law specifically providing that absentee by mail and early voting commissioners receive \$100 for gubernatorial and congressional elections.