

**RÉSUMÉ DIGEST**

**ACT 8 (HB 8)**

**2020 First Extraordinary Session**

**Schexnayder**

Existing constitution prohibits the appropriation of funds for a period of more than one year. New law provides for the expenses of the legislature and legislative service agencies for FY 2020-2021. Appropriates \$74,093,881 from the state general fund for these legislative branch agencies as follows:

House of Representatives	\$	28,998,300
Senate	\$	21,764,498
Legislative Auditor	\$	10,483,708
Legislative Fiscal Office	\$	3,158,849
Louisiana State Law Institute	\$	1,131,401
Legislative Budgetary Control Council	\$	<u>8,557,125</u>
Total state general fund	\$	<u><u>74,093,881</u></u>

Further provides for the allocation of funds for salaries and allowances of members, officers, and staff of the House and Senate. Provides the balance on July 2, 2020, of the fund created by Act 513, §13, of the 2008 RS is appropriated to the Legislative Budgetary Control Council.

Appropriates \$350,000 from the state general fund to establish the Legislative Auditor Ancillary Enterprise Fund as an agency working capital fund; appropriates \$23,525,043 from the fund, which is authorized to be used for expenses of the auditor's office.

Retains provisions of existing law allowing legislative assistants who were employed on or before Dec. 1, 2007, to retain the salary they were earning on Dec. 1, 2007.

Requires appropriations from State General Fund (Direct) be reduced by \$12,851,010 pursuant to a plan adopted by the Legislative Budgetary Control Council.

Appropriates \$3,000,000 in federal funds through interagency transfer to the Legislative Budgetary Control Council for COVID-19 related expenses.

Appropriates additional funding to the legislative auditor for work performed on programs established pursuant to the Act that originated as SB 189 of the 2020 Regular Session. Authorizes \$2,500,000 in interagency transfers from the treasurer to the legislative auditor and \$271,501 from the Coronavirus Local Recovery Allocation Fund for such work.

Further provides that no legislative employee shall be eligible for or granted a market rate salary increase during FY 2020-2021 unless such increase is authorized by the legislature on or before Oct. 15, 2020, or by the Legislative Budgetary Control Council if the legislature has not convened by Oct. 15, 2020. Provides that salary increase restrictions in new law do not apply to promotions.

Effective July 1, 2020.