

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 470

BY REPRESENTATIVE DANAHAHAY

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:55(A)(4)(b) and to enact R.S. 18:24(A)(6), relative to
3 registrars of voters; to provide relative to merit evaluations of a registrar; to provide
4 relative to appeals of such evaluations; to provide relative to the duties and authority
5 of the State Board of Election Supervisors; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 18:55(A)(4)(b) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
8 18:24(A)(6) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §24. Powers and duties; authority to intervene in actions

10 A. To accomplish the purposes of this Part and Subpart G of Part V of
11 Chapter 5 of this Title, the board shall have the following powers, duties, and
12 functions:

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14 (6) To conduct appeals of merit evaluations of registrars of voters as
15 provided in R.S. 18:55.

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17 §55. Compensation of registrar of voters; amount and manner of payment; reduction
18 during tenure prohibited; prohibited increase

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1 (b) Each registrar whose salary is at the level of step one or higher shall be
 2 evaluated as to merit in January. The criteria and procedure for the merit evaluation
 3 shall be determined by the secretary of state in conjunction with the Registrar of
 4 Voters Association. ~~It shall provide that each~~ Each registrar shall be evaluated by
 5 the secretary of state or his designee acting on his behalf. Upon a finding of
 6 "excellent" on a merit evaluation, the registrar shall receive a salary increase to the
 7 next step until the registrar's salary is equal to the highest step of the appropriate
 8 population range. A registrar may appeal the finding on a merit evaluation to the
 9 State Board of Election Supervisors in accordance with rules promulgated by the
 10 board. If a member of the board participates in the merit evaluation of a registrar,
 11 the member shall not participate in an appeal of the evaluation.

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13 Section 2.(A) The provisions of this Act shall apply to evaluations conducted in
 14 2017 and thereafter.

15 (B) The State Board of Election Supervisors shall promulgate rules in accordance
 16 with the Administrative Procedure Act for appeals of merit evaluations as soon as reasonably
 17 possible after the passage of this Act.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____