2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 705

BY REPRESENTATIVE MAGEE

ELECTIONS/COMMISSIONERS: Provides for an increase in compensation of certain election commissioners

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 18:426.1(3), relative to compensation of election commissioners;
3	to increase compensation for certain commissioners; and to provide for related
4	matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 18:426.1(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
7	§426.1. Election commissioners; compensation
8	Each commissioner who serves at the polling place on election day shall be
9	paid according to the following:
10	* * *
11	(3) A commissioner who has received a certificate of instruction, as provided
12	in R.S. 18:431(A), shall receive one hundred <u>fifty</u> dollars.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the compensation for certified election commissioners to \$150.

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CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

<u>Present law</u> provides for election commissioners who are responsible for conducting elections at each polling place, enforcing the election laws, maintaining order at the polling place, and printing results from the voting machines.

<u>Present law</u> requires the clerk of court to conduct, at least annually, a general course of instruction for commissioners. Requires the clerk to issue a certificate to each person who attends the course of instruction and achieves a satisfactory score on the test for that course.

<u>Present law</u> provides that a commissioner who has received such certification shall be paid \$100 on election day. Provides for payment of this same amount to a commissioner who assists the registrar in the conduct of early voting.

Proposed law increases the compensation of such commissioners to \$150.

<u>Present law</u> requires the clerk of court to conduct a course of instruction for commissioners-in-charge, commissioners, and alternate commissioners who are selected to serve in each election. Provides that a commissioner who is certified as having received this additional instruction shall be paid \$200 on election day. Further provides that a commissioner-in-charge shall receive \$250, a commissioner-in-charge who serves at more than one precinct shall receive \$300, and an uncertified commissioner shall receive \$35.

Proposed law retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 18:426.1(3))