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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 154

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HOUSE/RULES: Allows the use of the supplemental vouchered allotment to supplement the salary of a legislative assistant

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To amend and readopt House Rule 6.26(D) of the Rules of Order of the House of
3 Representatives to allow the use of the vouchered allotment to supplement the salary
4 of a legislative assistant and to direct the Personnel Subcommittee of the House
5 Executive Committee to devise a mechanism for members of the House of
6 Representatives to evaluate the performance of the employees of the House of
7 Representatives.

8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana
9 that House Rule 6.26(D) of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives is hereby
10 amended and readopted to read as follows:

11 Rule 6.26. House Executive Committee

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13 D.(1) The committee shall have the authority to establish an annual
14 vouchered allotment for members of the House to be drawn by each member in
15 monthly payments. This vouchered allotment shall be used exclusively for expenses
16 incurred in the course and scope of duties as a member of the House such as rent for
17 office space; electricity; water; gas; telephone; communication services; stationery;
18 supplies; salary supplements for one or more of a member's legislative assistants;
19 mileage or expense reimbursement for official travel in or out of state; and other
20 expenses related to the holding or conduct of office.

1 (2) This allotment shall be set no later than March fifteenth of the first
2 calendar year of each term of office. Once set, the allotment shall be effective until
3 changed by the Executive Committee as provided in this Paragraph. This allotment
4 shall be set or changed by the adoption of a resolution of the Executive Committee
5 in an open public hearing. In addition, the amount of the allotment that may be used
6 to supplement the salary of one or more of a member's legislative assistants shall be
7 set or changed by the adoption of a resolution of the Executive Committee in an open
8 public meeting.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
10 Legislature of Louisiana that the Personnel Subcommittee of the House Executive
11 Committee is hereby directed to devise, by no later than November 1, 2010, a
12 mechanism for members of the House of Representatives to evaluate the
13 performance of the employees of the House of Representatives.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes a member to use a portion of his vouchered allotment to supplement the salary of one or more of his legislative assistants and provides that the amount of the allotment that may be used for that purpose shall be set by resolution of the Executive Committee. Directs the Personnel Subcommittee of the House Executive Committee to devise a mechanism for members of the House to evaluate the performance of House employees.

Present House Rule provides that the Executive Committee has the authority to establish an annual vouchered allotment for members of the House to be drawn by each member in monthly payments to be used exclusively for expenses incurred in the course and scope of his duties as a member of the House, such as rent for office space, electricity, water, gas, telephone, communication services, stationery, supplies, mileage or expense reimbursement for official travel, and other expenses related to the holding or conduct of office. Provides for the allotment to be set by the adoption of a resolution of the Executive Committee in an open public hearing. Present House Rule provides for the allotment to be set no later than March 15 of the first calendar year of each term of office, and that once set, the allotment shall be effective until changed by the Executive Committee by the adoption of a resolution of the committee in an open public meeting.

Proposed House Rule additionally authorizes the allotment to be used for salary supplements for one or more legislative assistants. Provides that the amount of the allotment that may be used to supplement the salary of one or more legislative assistants shall be set or changed by the adoption of a resolution of the Executive Committee in an open public meeting.

Proposed Resolution further directs the Personnel Subcommittee of the House Executive Committee to devise, by no later than Nov. 1, 2010, a mechanism for members of the House to evaluate the performance of the employees of the House.

(Amends House Rule 6.26(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Adds provision to direct the Personnel Subcommittee to devise a mechanism for members to evaluate the performance of House employees.