2015 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 207

BY SENATOR RISER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS. Provides for election costs paid by secretary of state; governing authorities; reimbursement. (1/1/16)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1400.2(A), the introductory paragraph of (B)(1), and (C)(1),
3	and 1400.8, relative to election costs; to provide for the paying of certain election
4	expenses incurred by a registrar of voters; to provide for an effective date; and to
5	provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 18:1400.2(A), the introductory paragraph of (B)(1), and (C)(1), and
8	1400.8 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
9	§1400.2. Election costs paid by secretary of state; governing authorities;
10	reimbursement
11	A. The costs of publication of the location of polling places; of renting
12	polling places; of drayage; of setting up voting machines; of compensating
13	commissioners and deputy parish custodians; **of paying election expenses incurred**
14	**by a registrar of voters and his permanent employees as provided by R.S.**
15	**18:1400.8;** and of transmitting election returns for gubernatorial and congressional
16	elections, whether or not a gubernatorial or congressional candidate appears on the
17	ballot, shall be paid by the state from funds appropriated to the secretary of state for

1   that purpose, except that when a local or municipal candidate or a local bond, debt,

2   tax, proposition, or question also appears on the ballot, the state shall be required to

3   pay one-half of such costs. The remaining one-half shall be prorated between the

4   state and all local or municipal entities participating in such election. In the case of

5   the offices of justice of the peace and constable of a justice of the peace court, the

6   costs shall be prorated to the parish governing authority. The pro rata share of a local

7   or municipal entity shall be determined by dividing the number of that entity's

8   offices, propositions, or questions on the ballot by the total number of all offices,

9   propositions, or questions on the ballot within that local jurisdiction.

10   B.(1) The cost of publication of the location of polling places; of renting

11   polling places; of drayage; of setting up voting machines; of compensating

12   commissioners and deputy parish custodians; **of paying election expenses incurred**

13   **by a registrar of voters and his permanent employees as provided by R.S.**

14   **18:1400.8;** and of transmitting election returns for any special election when any of

15   the following appear on the ballot shall be paid by the state from funds appropriated

16   to the secretary of state for that purpose:

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18   C.(1) The cost of publication of the location of polling places; of renting

19   polling places; of drayage; of setting up voting machines, which cost shall be ten

20   dollars per machine; of compensating commissioners and deputy parish custodians;

21   **of paying election expenses incurred by a registrar of voters and his permanent**

22   **employees as provided by R.S. 18:1400.8;** and of transmitting election returns for

23   any election not provided for in Subsections A and B of this Section shall be paid by

24   the appropriate governing authority that relates to the character of office or issue

25   involved in such election. In the case of the offices of justice of the peace and

26   constable of a justice of the peace court, the costs shall be prorated to the parish

27   governing authority. Except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, if more

28   than one governing authority is involved in an election, a statement of such expenses

29   shall be transmitted to each governing authority involved in the election and payment

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1   thereof shall be prorated among the governing authorities as equitably as possible.

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3   §1400.8. Expenses incurred by registrars of voters conducting early voting; payment

4   by secretary of state

5   Election expenses incurred by a registrar of voters and his permanent

6   employees to perform election duties and responsibilities associated with early

7   voting on any day during the week between 4:30 p.m. and the time that early voting

8   terminates that day and on any Saturday on which early voting is conducted shall be

9   paid by the state from funds appropriated to the secretary of state for that purpose

10   **and shall be a reimbursable election expense as provided by R.S. 18:1400.2**.

11   Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2016; if vetoed by the

12   governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on

13   January 1, 2016, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jay R. Lueckel.

DIGEST
SB 207 Original   2015 Regular Session   Riser

Present law provides for the payment of election costs by the secretary of state and certain
local governing authorities.

Proposed law provides for the paying of election expenses by the secretary of state for
expenses incurred by a registrar of voters and his permanent employees to perform certain
election duties and responsibilities associated with early voting on any day during the week
between 4:30pm and the time early voting terminates that day and on any Saturday on which
early voting is conducted.

Effective January 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 18:1400.2(A), (B)(1)(intro para), and (C)(1), and 1400.8)

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