

2015 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 207

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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

