

SENATE BILL NO. 672

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 24:31.1(A), 502(A), 504(B), 506(A), and 507(B), relative to compensation of members of the legislature and per diem; to provide for per diem during regular and extraordinary sessions; to provide for an increase in the compensation paid to legislators; to provide for an increase in compensation paid to the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the Senate; to provide for an increase in the compensation paid to the speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate; to provide for an increase in compensation paid to the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the chairman of the Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee, the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, and the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 24:31.1(A), 502(A), 504(B), 506(A), and 507(B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§31.1. Salary for members; expense allowance; mileage allowance

A.(1) In addition to the per diem and all other allowances provided by law for members of the Legislature of Louisiana, each member of the legislature, except the president and the president pro tempore of the Senate, **the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the chairman of the Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee**, and the speaker and the speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives, **the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee**, shall be paid a salary in the full sum of ~~sixteen thousand eight hundred~~ **thirty-seven thousand five hundred** dollars per annum. **Beginning on July 1, 2009, and annually thereafter, if there**

1 has been an increase in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers
 2 (CPI-U), as prepared by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of
 3 Labor Statistics in the preceding calendar year, the salary shall be adjusted by
 4 the same percentage as the increase in that CPI-U rounded to the nearest whole
 5 dollar.

6 (2) The salary of the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the
 7 chairman of the Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee, the chairman
 8 of the House Appropriations Committee, and the chairman of the House Ways
 9 and Means Committee shall be fifty-four thousand seven hundred fifty dollars
 10 per annum. Beginning on July 1, 2009, and annually thereafter, if there has
 11 been an increase in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U),
 12 as prepared by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
 13 Statistics in the preceding calendar year, the salary shall be adjusted by the
 14 same percentage as the increase in that CPI-U rounded to the nearest whole
 15 dollar.

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17 §502. Speaker of the House of Representatives; salary; expenses

18 A. The salary of the speaker of the House of Representatives shall be ~~thirty-~~
 19 ~~two thousand~~ seventy-one thousand two hundred fifty dollars per annum, such
 20 salary to be payable monthly on his own warrant and drawn on the general fund of
 21 the state. Beginning on July 1, 2009, and annually thereafter, if there has been
 22 an increase in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U), as
 23 prepared by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics
 24 in the preceding calendar year, the salary shall be adjusted by the same
 25 percentage as the increase in that CPI-U rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

26 This salary shall be compensation to the speaker for service to the House of
 27 Representatives, including that rendered during regular and extraordinary sessions
 28 of the legislature and during the interim between sessions.

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30 §504. Speaker pro tempore; assumption of duties of speaker; salary

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B. The salary of the speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives shall be ~~twenty-four thousand five hundred~~ **fifty-four thousand seven hundred fifty** dollars per annum. **Beginning on July 1, 2009, and annually thereafter, if there has been an increase in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U), as prepared by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics in the preceding calendar year, the salary shall be adjusted by the same percentage as the increase in that CPI-U rounded to the nearest whole dollar.** This salary shall be compensation to the speaker pro tempore for service to the House of Representatives, including that rendered during regular and extraordinary sessions of the legislature and during the interim between sessions. The salary provided for in this Section shall be payable in the same manner as provided in R.S. 24:31.1(B). The speaker pro tempore shall be entitled to the per diem and all other allowances provided by law for members of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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§506. President of the Senate; salary; expenses

A. The salary of the president of the Senate shall be ~~thirty-two thousand~~ **seventy-one thousand two hundred fifty** dollars per annum, such salary to be payable monthly on his own warrant and drawn on the general fund of the state. **Beginning on July 1, 2009, and annually thereafter, if there has been an increase in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U), as prepared by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics in the preceding calendar year, the salary shall be adjusted by the same percentage as the increase in that CPI-U rounded to the nearest whole dollar.** This salary shall be compensation to the president for service to the Senate, including that rendered during regular and extraordinary sessions of the legislature and during the interim between sessions.

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§507. President pro tempore; assumption of duties of president; salary

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B. The salary of the president pro tempore of the Senate shall be ~~twenty-four thousand five hundred~~ **fifty-four thousand seven hundred fifty** dollars per annum. **Beginning on July 1, 2009, and annually thereafter, if there has been an increase in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U), as prepared by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics in the preceding calendar year, the salary shall be adjusted by the same percentage as the increase in that CPI-U rounded to the nearest whole dollar.** This salary shall be compensation to the president pro tempore for service to the Senate, including that rendered during regular and extraordinary sessions of the legislature and during the interim between sessions. The salary provided for in this Section shall be payable in the same manner as provided in R.S. 24:31.1(B). The president pro tempore shall be entitled to the per diem and all other allowances provided by law for members of the Legislature of Louisiana.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2008.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____