

Regular Session, 2008

SENATE BILL NO. 672

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

LEGISLATORS. Provides for a pay raise for legislators. (7/1/08)

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

13 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

16 §31.1. Salary for members; expense allowance; mileage allowance

17 A.**1** In addition to the per diem and all other allowances provided by law

1 for members of the Legislature of Louisiana, each member of the legislature, except  
2 the president and the president pro tempore of the Senate, the chairman of the  
3 Senate Finance Committee and the chairman of the Senate Revenue and Fiscal  
4 Affairs Committee, and the speaker and the speaker pro tempore of the House of  
5 Representatives, the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and the  
6 chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, shall be paid a salary in the  
7 full sum of sixteen thousand eight hundred dollars per annum thirty percent of the  
8 annual salary for members of the United States Congress. Such salary shall be  
9 adjusted as necessary effective July first annually. This salary shall be  
10 compensation for service to the House of Representatives or the Senate, as  
11 appropriate, including that rendered during regular and extraordinary sessions  
12 of the legislature and during the interim between sessions.

13 (2) The salary of the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the  
14 chairman of the Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee, the chairman  
15 of the House Appropriations Committee, and the chairman of the House Ways  
16 and Means Committee shall be thirty-five percent of the annual salary for  
17 members of the United States Congress. Such salary shall be adjusted as  
18 necessary effective July first annually. This salary shall be compensation to the  
19 chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the chairman of the Senate  
20 Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee, the chairman of the House  
21 Appropriations Committee, and the chairman of the House Ways and Means  
22 Committee for service to the Senate, including that rendered during regular and  
23 extraordinary sessions of the legislature and during the interim between  
24 sessions. The salary provided for in this Paragraph shall be payable in the same  
25 manner as provided in R.S. 24:31.1(B). The chairmen of the Senate Finance  
26 Committee and the Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee shall be  
27 entitled to the per diem and all other allowances provided by law for members  
28 of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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

2 A. The **annual** salary of the speaker of the House of Representatives shall  
 3 be ~~thirty-two thousand dollars per annum~~ **forty-five percent of the annual salary**  
 4 **for members of the United States Congress**, such salary to be payable monthly on  
 5 his own warrant and drawn on the general fund of the state. ~~This~~ **Such salary shall**  
 6 **be adjusted as necessary effective July first annually. Subject to Subsection B,**  
 7 **this** salary shall be compensation to the speaker for service to the House of  
 8 Representatives, including that rendered during regular and extraordinary sessions  
 9 of the legislature and during the interim between sessions.

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

12 A. \* \* \*

13 B. The **annual** salary of the speaker pro tempore of the House of  
 14 Representatives shall be ~~twenty-four thousand five hundred dollars per annum~~  
 15 **thirty-five percent of the annual salary for members of the United States**  
 16 **Congress. Such salary shall be adjusted as necessary effective July first**  
 17 **annually.** This salary shall be compensation to the speaker pro tempore for service  
 18 to the House of Representatives, including that rendered during regular and  
 19 extraordinary sessions of the legislature and during the interim between sessions.  
 20 The salary provided for in this Section shall be payable in the same manner as  
 21 provided in R.S. 24:31.1(B). The speaker pro tempore shall be entitled to the per  
 22 diem and all other allowances provided by law for members of the Legislature of  
 23 Louisiana.

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25 §506. President of the Senate; salary; expenses

26 A. The **annual** salary of the president of the Senate shall be ~~thirty-two~~  
 27 ~~thousand dollars per annum~~ **forty-five percent of the annual salary for members**  
 28 **of the United States Congress**, such salary to be payable monthly on his own  
 29 warrant and drawn on the general fund of the state. ~~This~~ **Such salary shall be**



be entitled to per diem and other allowances provided by law for members of the legislature.

All other members of the legislature shall be paid 30% of the annual salary for members of the U.S. Congress.

All salaries shall be adjusted as necessary effective July 1 annually.

Effective July 1, 2008.

(Amends R.S. 24:31.1(A), 502(A), 504(B), 506(A), and 507(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the original bill.

1. Revises salary of membership of the legislature, as follows:

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall be paid 45% of the annual salary for members of the U.S. Congress. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House shall be paid 35% of the annual salary for members of the U.S. Congress.

The salary of the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Ways and Means Committee shall be 35% of the annual salary for members of the U.S. Congress. The chairmen of Senate Finance and Revenue and Fiscal Affairs shall be entitled to per diem and other allowances provided by law for members of the legislature.

All other members of the legislature shall be paid 30% of the annual salary for members of the U.S. Congress.

All salaries shall be adjusted as necessary effective July 1 annually.

2. Increases each member's monthly expense allowance from \$500 per month to \$1,000 per month.
3. Makes effective July 1, 2008.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Deletes provision increasing each member's monthly expense allowance from \$500 per month to \$1,000 per month.
2. Deletes provision providing that per diem shall only be paid during regular and special sessions, and not during the interim.