

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 1041

BY REPRESENTATIVE AUSTIN BADON

APPROPRIATIONS: Provides for the annual appropriations for voluntary parish councils on aging

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1606(A) and (B)(1), relative to the office of elderly affairs;  
3 to increase the appropriations to each parish council on aging; and to provide for  
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 46:1606(A) and (B)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
7 follows:

8 §1606. Annual appropriation

9 A. The legislature shall appropriate to the office of elderly affairs, for  
10 distribution by the executive director of the office to the various voluntary parish  
11 councils on aging, funds sufficient to allocate to each parish council ~~two dollars and~~  
12 ~~fifty cents~~ ten dollars for each person sixty years or older who is a resident of the  
13 parish as shown by the latest official census estimate or ~~thirty-seven thousand five~~  
14 ~~hundred~~ one hundred thousand dollars, whichever is greater, but not to exceed ~~one~~  
15 ~~hundred thousand~~ three hundred fifty thousand dollars to any one parish council.  
16 The office of elderly affairs shall include funds in their annual budget request for  
17 increases in funding based on the number of elderly as estimated in the above census.  
18 Notwithstanding the foregoing, such total annual appropriation shall be for a  
19 minimum of ~~two million seven hundred seventy-six thousand eight hundred eight~~  
20 million eight hundred sixty-eight thousand six hundred fifty-eight dollars. The above

1            funding will be evaluated and adjusted annually in accordance with the Consumer  
 2            Price Index.

3            B.(1) Funds appropriated by the legislature pursuant to Subsection A of this  
 4            Section shall be distributed by the executive director of the office of elderly affairs  
 5            and shall be allocated to each parish council in an amount equal to ~~two dollars and~~  
 6            ~~fifty cents~~ ten dollars for each resident of the parish age sixty years or older, as  
 7            shown by the latest official estimate approved by the United States Bureau of the  
 8            Census, or ~~thirty-seven thousand five hundred~~ one hundred thousand dollars,  
 9            whichever is greater, but not to exceed ~~one hundred thousand~~ three hundred fifty  
 10           thousand dollars for any one parish council. The sums so allocated shall be  
 11           distributed quarterly during the first thirty days of each quarter of the fiscal year. In  
 12           appropriating funds pursuant to this Section, the legislature shall specifically provide  
 13           for the allocation of funds to the respective parish councils in accordance with the  
 14           provisions of this Section.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Increases the appropriations to the governor's office of elderly affairs for distribution to each parish council on aging.

Present law requires an appropriation to the office of elderly affairs to be distributed to the parish councils on aging consisting of an allocation of \$2.50 for each person age 60 and older or \$37,500.00, whichever is greater, but not to exceed \$100,000 to any one parish. The total annual appropriation cannot be for an amount less than \$2,776,800.

Proposed law changes present law by requiring an appropriation to the office of elderly affairs to be distributed to the parish councils on aging consisting of an allocation of \$10 for each person age 60 and older or \$100,000, whichever is greater, but not to exceed \$350,000 to any one parish. The total annual appropriation cannot be for an amount less than \$8,868,658. Further provides that the proposed funding will be evaluated and adjusted annually according to the consumer price index.

Present law provides that funds appropriated by the legislature present law shall be distributed by the office of elderly affairs executive director and shall be allocated to each parish council in an amount equal to \$2.50 for each resident of the parish age 60 or older, or \$37,500, whichever is greater, but not to exceed \$100,000 for any one parish council. The

sums are to be distributed quarterly during the first 30 days of each quarter of the fiscal year. The legislature shall specifically provide for the allocation of funds to the respective parish councils in accordance with the provisions of present law.

Proposed law retains present law but reflects increases to the per resident allocation amount from \$2.50 to \$10 or \$100,000 whichever is greater, not to exceed \$350,000.

(Amends R.S. 46:1606 (A) and (B)(1))