

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 84

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

SUPPLEMENTAL PAY: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides state supplemental pay to local emergency medical services practitioners

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 11(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana and to add Article VII, Section 10(D)(4) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to provision of state supplements to the salaries of certain local emergency medical services practitioners; to provide with respect to timing and criteria for such payments; to require budgeting for and appropriation of such payments; to provide restrictions on such payments; to authorize the legislature to provide by law with respect to such payments; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VII, Section 11(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana and to add Article VII, Section 10(D)(4) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§10. Expenditure of State Funds

Section 10.

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(D) Appropriations.

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1 (4) The legislature shall provide by law for the payment by the state of
2 supplements to the salaries of full-time local emergency medical services
3 practitioners. Payments pursuant to the provisions of this Subparagraph shall begin
4 with the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2026, and continue each fiscal year thereafter.
5 The legislature shall appropriate funds sufficient to fully fund the cost of such state
6 supplement to the salaries of full-time local emergency medical services
7 practitioners. For the purposes of this Subparagraph the term "local emergency
8 medical services practitioner" shall mean an employee of a political subdivision of
9 the state who does not receive a salary supplement pursuant to Subparagraph (3) of
10 this Paragraph and who is employed as a licensed emergency medical technician,
11 licensed advanced emergency medical technician, or a licensed paramedic.

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§11. Budgets

14 Section 11.(A) Budget Estimate. The governor shall submit to the
15 legislature, at the time and in the form fixed by law, a budget estimate for the next
16 fiscal year setting forth all proposed state expenditures. This budget shall include
17 a recommendation for appropriations from the state general fund and from dedicated
18 funds, except funds allocated by Article VII, Section 4, Paragraphs (D) and (E),
19 which shall not exceed the official forecast of the Revenue Estimating Conference
20 and the expenditure limit for the fiscal year. The recommendation shall also comply
21 with the provisions of Article VII, Section 10(D). This budget shall include a
22 recommendation for funding of state salary supplements for full-time law
23 enforcement and fire protection officers of the state, as provided in Article VII,
24 Section 10(D)(3) of this constitution. Beginning with the budget estimate for the
25 2026-2027 fiscal year and for each budget estimate thereafter, this budget shall also
26 include a recommendation for funding of state salary supplements for full-time local
27 emergency medical services practitioners as provided in Article VII, Section
28 10(D)(4) of this constitution.

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1 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
2 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 5,
3 2024.

4 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,
5 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
6 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
7 follows:

8 Do you support an amendment to require budgeting for and payment of state
9 supplements to the salaries of certain full-time local emergency medical
10 services practitioners and to allow the legislature to provide by law with
11 respect to such supplements? (Amends Article VII, Section 11(A); Adds
12 Article VII, Section 10(D)(4))

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the legislature to provide by law for the payment of state salary supplements to certain full-time local emergency medical services practitioners and requires annual appropriation of such supplements by the legislature.

Present constitution (Art. VII, Sec. 10(D)(3)) requires the legislature to appropriate funds each year to fully fund the cost of state supplements to the salaries of full-time local law enforcement and fire protection officers.

Proposed constitutional amendment requires the legislature to provide by law for the payment by the state of supplements to the salaries of full-time local emergency medical services practitioners. Further defines the term "local emergency medical services practitioner" for the purposes of proposed constitutional amendment to mean an employee of a political subdivision of the state who does not receive a salary supplement pursuant to present constitution and who is employed as a licensed emergency medical technician, licensed advanced emergency medical technician, or a licensed paramedic. Proposed constitutional amendment requires appropriation of funds sufficient to fully fund such supplements each year starting with the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2026.

Present constitution (Art. VII, Sec. 11) requires the governor each year to submit to the legislature a budget estimate for the next fiscal year. Further requires this budget estimate to include a recommendation for funding the state salary supplements for full-time law enforcement and fire protection officers of the state.

Proposed constitutional amendment adds to this requirement a recommendation for funding the state salary supplements of full-time local emergency medical services practitioners beginning with fiscal year 2026-2027.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 5, 2024.

(Amends Const. Art. VII, §11(A); Adds Const. Art. VII, §10(D)(4))