State Superintendent's Salary Would Be Set At $10,000 Under Bill Approved Unanimously

BATON ROUGE, La., June 20. (P) — The Louisiana house of representatives tonight voted, 83 to 0, to raise the salary of the state superintendent of education from $7500 to $10,000 a year.

Rep. Sidney Sylvester of St. Landry, one of the authors of the bill, pointed out that pay raises already had been voted for most state officials.

Important Functions

"Surely an official who exercises such important functions as those of the superintendent of education deserves to be paid accordingly," Sylvester said.

There was no further debate. The bill now goes to the senate.

Also passed was a bill to allow local units of government to contract for work up to $1000 without advertising for bids. The present limit is $500.

Local Subdivision

Rep. James Beeson offered an amendment, which was adopted, to restrict the limit increase to local subdivisions, not the state itself. He said it was important "not to endanger our road program in any way."

Earlier, a bill to consolidate statutes relative to the commission form of government brought on a flurry of debate. Rep. Jesse J. Verret of Calcasieu said the bill applied to all cities above 2500 population except New Orleans.

Hope for Consistency

"Some time ago," he said, "this house voted to eliminate the commission form of government in New Orleans. Now we are voting it for everyone else. I hope we will be consistent from now on."

The house last week passed and sent to the senate a bill requiring the New Orleans commission council to be elected by municipal districts instead of in the city at large.