

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 141

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI AND SENATORS SMITH AND TALBOT

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 18:1462.1, relative to electioneering around polling places; to provide relative
3 to registration of persons conducting exit polling in or near polling places; to provide
4 for criminal penalties; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 18:1462.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1462.1. Registration of persons conducting exit polling during early voting or on
9 election day; penalties

10 A. The Legislature of Louisiana recognizes that the right to vote is a right
11 that is essential to the effective operation of a democratic government and that voters
12 should be free from intimidation, harassment, confusion, obstruction, and undue
13 influence in the campaign-free zone provided in R.S. 18:1462(A) by individuals
14 conducting exit polling who have not registered with the secretary of state.

15 B. No person shall conduct an exit poll between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and
16 9:00 p.m. within any polling place being used in an election on election day or
17 during early voting, or within a radius of six hundred feet of the entrance to any
18 polling place being used in an election on election day or during early voting, unless
19 the person conducting the polling has filed a registration statement with the secretary
20 of state prior to the start of early voting or election day, as applicable. The
21 registration statement may be filed in person, by facsimile, or electronic mail.

1 C. Whoever violates this Section shall be fined one hundred dollars or be
2 imprisoned for ten days, or both, for the first offense. For a second offense, the
3 penalty shall be a fine of two hundred dollars or imprisonment for ten days, or both.
4 For a third or subsequent offense, the penalty shall be a fine of five hundred dollars
5 or imprisonment for ten days, or both.
6 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2022.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____