2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 671

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS

VOTING/MACHINES: Provides for testing of voting machines prior to election

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1373(A)(2), relative to preparation, testing, and adjusting of voting machine, to provide for notice of preparation of voting machines; to provide for review of test vote report; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:1373(A)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1373. Notice of preparation of machines for election; preparation of machines for election; testing and adjusting; examination by candidate or his representative; securing and sealing machines

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(2) The secretary of state shall prepare the voting machines for the election by placing them in order, inserting the proper ballots, and testing and adjusting the voting machines for the election. A test vote report shall be produced by each machine and submitted to the parish board of election supervisors for review. In preparing the machines, the secretary of state shall lock out against use on each machine those vote indicators or devices that are not to be used at the election. In preparing and testing machines, the secretary of state shall use the mechanics and technicians authorized by R.S. 18:1353.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for review of test vote report by the parish board of election supervisors.

Present law provides that the secretary of state shall prepare the voting machines for the election by placing them in order, inserting the proper ballots, and testing and adjusting the voting machines for the election. A test vote report shall be produced by each machine.

Proposed law retains present law and requires the secretary of state to submit the test vote report to the parish board of election supervisors for inspection and review.

(Amends R.S. 18:1373(A)(2))