

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 405

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ELECTIONS: Requires the secretary of state to prepare and publish certain information concerning changes in election law

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 18:18(E), relative to the powers and duties of the secretary of state; to require
3 the secretary of state to prepare and publish a revised Louisiana Election Code and
4 certain information concerning changes in election law; to provide deadlines; to
5 provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 18:18(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §18. Secretary of state; powers and duties

9 * * *

10 E.(1) The secretary of state shall publish a revised final version of this Code
11 on the website of the secretary of state within thirty days of receiving a revised final
12 version of this Code from the legislature following final adjournment of a session of
13 the legislature which results in changes to this Code.

14 (2) No later than ninety days after final adjournment of a session of the
15 legislature which results in changes to this Code, the secretary of state shall publish
16 on the website of the secretary of state links to each legislative instrument enacted
17 during the session affecting this Code, the effective date of the instrument, and
18 provide the keyword and oneliner of each such instrument as it appears on the
19 legislature's website. The secretary of state website shall include a link to the

1 legislature's bill information page for the public to access the text of the enacted
2 instrument and the résumé digest of each instrument.

3 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
4 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
5 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
6 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
7 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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HB 405 Engrossed

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Abstract: Requires the secretary of state to publish a revised La. Election Code and certain information concerning changes in election law.

Present law provides for the powers and duties of the secretary of state, which include administering the laws relating to custody of voting machines and voter registration and being responsible for assistance to registrars, administration of rules and regulations of the secretary of state relating to the registration of voters, and matters pertaining to the reporting, compilation, and dissemination of registration statistics and information.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally requires the following:

- (1) Within 30 days of receiving a revised final version of the La. Election Code from the legislature following final adjournment of a session of the legislature which results in changes to the La. Election Code, the secretary of state shall publish the final version on the website of the secretary of state.
- (2) No later than 90 days after final adjournment of a session of the legislature which results in changes to the La. Election Code, the secretary of state shall publish on his website links to each legislative instrument enacted during the session affecting the La. Election Code, the effective date of the instrument, and provide the keyword and oneliner of each such instrument as it appears on the legislature's website. The secretary of state website shall include a link to the legislature's bill information page for the public to access the text of the enacted instrument and the résumé digest of each instrument.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 18:18(E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Remove a provision requiring the secretary of state to prepare and publish a revised version of the La. Election Code.
2. Require the secretary of state to publish on his website a final revision of the La. Election Code after such final revision is received by the secretary of state from the legislature.
3. Remove a provision requiring the secretary of state to prepare and publish on the website of the secretary of state a plain language digest which summarizes the effect of, enforcement mechanisms for, and implementation dates of changes to the La. Election Code.
4. Require the secretary of state to provide on his website links to instruments enacted during a session of the legislature affecting the La. Election Code and provide information regarding the effective date and the keyword and oneliner of each such instrument.