## HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

## HB 206 2025 Regular Session

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ELECTIONS: Requires legislative authorization to give effect to certain actions regarding election procedures.

	Synopsis of Senate Amendments
1.	Applies the prohibition in <u>proposed law</u> to elected officials in the executive branch, rather than the state board of election supervisors or a parish board of election supervisors.
2.	Prohibits entering into settlement agreements, specifically, rather than other legal agreements, generally, regarding election procedures.
3.	Removes the limitation that the procedures subject to the consent degree or settlement agreement conflict with the procedures prescribed by the Election Code in order to require legislative authorization.
4.	Provides for the manner and procedure for legislative approval.
5.	Prohibits election officials and executive branch elected officials from entering into a consent decree or settlement agreement related to redistricting or reapportionment.

## Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

<u>Present constitution</u> (Const. Art. XI, §1) provides that the legislature shall adopt an election code which shall provide for permanent registration of voters and for the conduct of all elections.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that no state, parish, or local election official or elected official in the executive branch shall enter into any consent decree or settlement agreement regarding the alteration of any election procedure or policy without specific approval of the consent decree or settlement agreement by concurrent resolution adopted by the legislature, in addition to any other approval or authorization required by law.

<u>Present constitution</u> (Const. Art. III, §20) provides that only the legislature may suspend a law, and then only by the same vote and, except for gubernatorial veto and time limitations for introduction, according to the same procedures and formalities required for enactment of that law. Further provides that every resolution suspending a law shall fix the period of suspension, which shall not extend beyond the sixtieth day after final adjournment of the next regular session.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that approval by the legislature of a consent decree or settlement agreement by concurrent resolution as required by <u>proposed law</u> shall be conducted in the same manner and by the same procedure established for a suspension of a law pursuant to <u>present constitution</u> (Const. Art. III, §20), except that the fixed period for suspension shall not apply.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that no state, parish, or local election official or elected official in the executive branch shall enter into a consent decree or settlement agreement related to a redistricting or reapportionment map of the legislature or that modifies any other district map or boundary.

(Adds R.S. 18:6)