

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 218

BY SENATOR TALBOT

ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT. Provides for certification programs for election officials.
(8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:59.4(D)(1), relative to certification programs; to provide for
3 training programs approved by the State Board of Election Supervisors; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:59.4(D)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §59.4. The Louisiana Voter Registration Administrators' Certification Program;
8 requirements; compensation

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10 D.(1) The requisite education and training will be provided through courses
11 of the Certified Elections Registration Administrator program administered through
12 Auburn University and the Election Center, a national certification designation, or
13 a substantially equivalent program approved by the State Board of Election
14 Supervisors. Any course taken by a registrar of voters, chief deputy registrar, or
15 confidential assistant shall be a course that is required for the attainment of
16 certification or maintenance of such certification.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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Present law provides for the required training programs for registrar of voters staff.

Proposed law provides an option to take a training other than the one listed if it is approved by the State Board of Election Supervisors.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 18:59.4(D)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes technical change.