
DIGEST

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HB 551 Reengrossed

2026 Regular Session

Billings

Abstract: Provides for the use of commissioners by the registrar of voters during the early voting period to assist with conducting the nursing home early voting program.

Present law (R.S. 18:1333) provides for the nursing home early voting program. Provides that a person who resides in a nursing home and who is entitled to vote may vote early during the period extending at least two weeks prior to the beginning day for early voting through the last day for early voting established by present law.

Present law (R.S. 18:1309(J)(1)) provides that, upon approval of the secretary of state, a registrar of voters may utilize commissioners selected and trained by the registrar of voters to assist the registrar during early voting period in the conduct of early voting by his office. Provides that a registrar of voters shall, in seeking the approval of the secretary of state, indicate to the secretary the number of commissioners that is required for such assistance. Provides a commissioner who assists the registrar in the conduct of early voting shall take an oath of office as a deputy registrar for the early voting period and shall complete an affidavit prepared by the secretary of state that contains the name, address, and last four digits of the social security number of the early voting commissioner and an acknowledgment that the law prohibits the disclosure of confidential voter information listed in the precinct register or early voting list kept by the registrar. Provides that a commissioner who assists the registrar in the conduct of early voting shall be paid \$150 for each day of such assistance.

Proposed law retains present law and specifies that present law includes conducting the nursing home early voting program.

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(Amends R.S. 18:1309(J)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Provide that present law includes conducting the nursing home early voting program.
2. Make technical changes.