

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 158 (HB 379)

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Existing law provides for the duties and qualifications of election commissioners. Generally provides that a qualified voter who is able to perform the essential duties of a commissioner as described in the informational pamphlet developed by the secretary of state pursuant to existing law and who is not a candidate in the election may be selected as a commissioner. Requires a person to attend a course of instruction and receive a certificate of instruction. Provides that certain persons are ineligible to serve as a commissioner.

Existing law provides that a person who is at least 17 years of age, under the age of 18, and is not a qualified voter but is otherwise qualified to serve as a commissioner pursuant to existing law may be selected to serve as a commissioner in any precinct of the ward where he may register to vote pursuant to existing law, provided that the person is enrolled in the 12th grade of any La. public high school or state-approved nonpublic high school, is participating at the 12th grade level in a home study program approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), has received a diploma from any La. public high school or state-approved nonpublic high school, has received a diploma for completion of a home study program approved by BESE, or has been issued a high school equivalency diploma after successfully completing the test of General Educational Development.

New law additionally provides that a person who is at least 17 years of age, under the age of 18, and who is enrolled in the 11th grade of any La. public high school or state-approved nonpublic high school or is participating at the 11th grade level in a home study program approved by BESE may serve as a commissioner.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 18:425(B)(5))