

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 471

BY REPRESENTATIVE DANA HAY AND SENATOR WALSWORTH

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:52, relative to the office of registrar of voters; to provide  
3 qualifications for registrars of voters and applicants for the office of registrar of  
4 voters; to provide definitions; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:52 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §52. ~~Qualification~~ Qualifications of registrars

8 A. Each applicant to fill the office of registrar of voters shall be a registered  
9 voter. If appointed to fill the office of registrar of voters, the applicant shall become  
10 a resident and registered voter of the parish in which he is to perform his duties prior  
11 to taking the oath of office. Each The registrar shall be remain a resident and  
12 qualified voter of the parish in which he is to perform his duties.

13 B.(1) The registrar shall possess at least one of the following at the time of  
14 appointment:

15 (a) A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution and two years of  
16 full-time, professional work experience.

17 (b) An associate degree from an accredited institution and four years of  
18 full-time, professional work experience.

19 (c) Seven years of full-time, professional work experience.

20 (d) Five years of full-time employment in a registrar's office in Louisiana.

21 (2) For purposes of this Subsection, "professional work experience" means  
22 experience in an occupation which requires specialized and theoretical knowledge

1           usually acquired through college training or through work experience and other  
2           training which provides comparable knowledge.

3           Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall not apply to any registrar appointed prior  
4 to the effective date of this Act.

5           Section 3. This Act shall become effective if and when the proposed amendment of  
6 Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana contained in the Act which originated  
7 as House Bill No. 459 of this 2016 Regular Session of the Legislature is adopted at a  
8 statewide election and becomes effective.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_