

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2019 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to Reengrossed House Bill No. 325 by Representative Bishop

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, between "R.S. 18:154(G)(4)" and "and" insert "and R.S. 26:586(C) and
3 587(A) and (B)" and change "18:154(G)(6)" to "18:58(D) and 154(G)(6) and R.S. 26:586(D)
4 and 586.1"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 2

6 On page 1, line 4, between "officials;" and "and" insert "to provide for duties of the registrar
7 of voters; to provide for affidavits and amended verification of registrars of voters in local
8 option election petitions;"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 3

10 On page 1, line 7 change "18:154(G)(6) is" to "18:58(D) and 154(G)(6) are"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 4

12 On page 1, between line 7 and 8 insert the following:

13 "§58. Powers and duties of registrars
14 * * *
15 D. The registrar of voters shall perform the duties set forth in Chapter 3 of Title 26 of the
16 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.
17 * * *"

18 AMENDMENT NO. 5

19 On page 2, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

20 "Section 2. R.S. 26:586(C) and 587(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
21 26:586(D) and 586.1 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

22 §586. Verification of petition by registrar; filing with governing authority
23 * * *

24 C.(1) Any person whose signature appears on a local option petition and who alleges
25 that such signature is not genuine is hereby authorized to execute and file with the registrar
26 of voters, a sworn affidavit, attesting that the affiant did not sign the petition. The registrar
27 of voters, when checking the signatures for genuineness, shall ~~take the affidavit into~~
28 ~~consideration, but in no instance shall he certify the signature not to be genuine, unless the~~
29 ~~comparison of the signatures indicates that the signature is indeed not genuine~~not certify a
30 signature to be genuine upon receipt of such an affidavit. Affidavits executed pursuant to
31 this Subsection shall be subject to the perjury provisions of Title 14 of the Louisiana Revised
32 Statutes.

33 (2) Any person whose signature appears on a petition but is not verified or included
34 for the purposed of certifying the petition due to a defect or absence of one of the
35 requirements listed in R.S. 26:584(D), or any other requirement for a petition contained in
36 this Title or any other title, is hereby authorized to file an affidavit with the registrar of
37 voters, within thirty days after the filing of the verification by the registrar with the
38 governing authority, attesting tot he genuineness of the signature, curing the information that
39 precluded inclusion, or providing the absent information. The registrar of voters shall verify
40 and include the signature for the purpose of certifying the petition upon the filing of an
41 affidavit authorized herein within the period allowed by law.

1 (3) Any witness whose name appears on a petition is hereby authorized to file an
2 affidavit with the registrar of voters, within thirty days after the filing of the verification by
3 the registrar with the governing authority, attesting to the genuineness of a voter's signature
4 that the person witnessed or curing the information that precluded inclusion of the voter's
5 signature that the person witnessed. The registrar of voters shall verify and include a voter's
6 signature for the purpose of certifying a petition upon the filing of an affidavit authorized
7 herein within the period allowed by law.

8 (D) Within ten days after the period allowed for the filing of an affidavit authorised
9 in Subsection C of this Section, a registrar of voters shall file an amended verification with
10 the governing authority verbifying and adding any signature that is subject of an affidavit
11 to the total number of genuine signatures of qualified electors for the purpose of
12 certification.

13 §586.1. Remedial provisions

14 A. Any person whose signature appears on a local option petition filed after July 1, 2018
15 with the registrar of voters for a parish whose population exceeds eleven thousand person
16 but does not exceed fifty thousand persons based upon the latest federal decennial census
17 shall be authorized to file an affidavit as provided for in R.S 26:586(C)(2).

18 B. Any witness whose name appears on a local option petition filed after July 1, 2018 with
19 the registrar of voters for a parish exceeds eleven thousand persons based upon the latest
20 federal decennial census shall be authorized to file an affidavit as provided for in R.S
21 26:586(C)(3).

22 C. Within ten days after the period allowed for the filing of an affidavit pursuant to
23 Subsections A and B, the registrar of voters shall file an amended verification with the
24 governing authority verifying and adding any signature that is subject of an affidavit to the
25 total number of genuine signatures of qualified electors for the purpose of certification.

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27 §587. Ordering of election; verification of registrar of voters; date of election; notice of
28 election

29 A. The governing authority with whom the true copy of the verification or amended
30 verification is filed by the registrar of voters shall attach to it a sworn statement showing the
31 date, month, and year the verification or amended verification was filed with the governing
32 authority.

33 B. If the petition conforms to all the provisions of this Chapter, the governing
34 authority shall order the election. The ordinance or resolution of the governing authority
35 ordering the election shall be adopted at the next meeting held after the verification or
36 amended verification was filed with the governing authority by the registrar of voters.

37 * * *

38 Section 3. R.S. 26:586.1 is hereby repealed."

39 AMENDMENT NO. 6

40 On page 2, line 7 change "Section2. This" to "Section 4. This Section and Sections 1 and 2
41 of this"

42 AMENDMENT NO. 7

43 On page 2, after line 11, insert the following;

44 "Section 5. Section 3 of this Act shall become effective on September 30, 2019."