

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 30

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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:562(A)(2) and (C) and 1309(D)(1), relative to voting; to
3 provide relative to procedures for identifying voters at the polls; to provide for the
4 forms of identification required for voting; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:562(A)(2) and (C) and 1309(D)(1) are hereby amended and
7 reenacted to read as follows:

8 §562. Prerequisites to voting

9 A. Identification of voters.

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11 (2)(a) Each applicant shall identify himself, in the presence and view of the
12 bystanders, and present to the commissioners a one of the following:

13 (i) A Louisiana driver's license, a Louisiana special identification card issued
14 pursuant to R.S. 40:1321, or other generally recognized picture identification card
15 that contains the name and signature of the applicant.

16 (ii) A United States military identification card that contains the applicant's
17 name and picture.

1 **(b)** If the applicant does not have a ~~Louisiana driver's license, a Louisiana~~
2 ~~special identification card, or other generally recognized picture identification card~~
3 ~~that contains the name and signature of the applicant~~ one of the forms of
4 identification provided in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, the applicant shall
5 complete and sign an affidavit, which is supplied by the secretary of state, to that
6 effect before the commissioners, which affidavit shall include the applicant's date of
7 birth and mother's maiden name. If the applicant is unable to read or write or is
8 otherwise unable to complete the affidavit due to disability, the applicant may
9 receive assistance in completing the affidavit and the commissioner shall make a
10 notation on the affidavit. The applicant may receive the assistance of any person of
11 his choice, including a commissioner, except a candidate, commissioner-in-charge,
12 the applicant's employer or employer's agent, or the applicant's union agent. The
13 commissioners shall place the affidavit in the envelope marked "Registrar of Voters"
14 and attach the envelope to the precinct register. However, an applicant who is
15 allowed to vote without the picture identification required by Subparagraph (a) of
16 this Paragraph is subject to challenge as provided in R.S. 18:565.

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18 C. Handwritten signature of the applicant. If the applicant is able to sign his
19 name, he shall sign his handwritten signature in ink in the space for his signature on
20 the precinct register. When the applicant has submitted to the commissioners picture
21 identification that contains the signature of the applicant ~~to the commissioners~~, the
22 applicant's signature shall be compared to his signature on the picture identification.
23 If the applicant is unable to sign his name, he shall make his mark in ink in the
24 proper space on the precinct register.

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§1309. Early voting; verification

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28 D.(1)(a) Before any voter is allowed to vote during early voting, the registrar
29 or his deputy shall establish the voter's identity by requiring him to submit a one of
30 the following:

1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2020.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____