The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michael Bell.

DIGEST

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Present law prohibits law enforcement officers from being stationed at polling places on election day, with the exception when the commissioners summon law enforcement officers to assist them.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the clerk of court may summon law enforcement officers to assist them at polling places. Proposed law further provides for law enforcement officers to enter a polling place when there is reasonable belief there is an emergency and the commissioners are unable to summon the law enforcement officers.

Present law provides that the registrar may use law enforcement officers to maintain order at any location where early voting is conducted.

Proposed law retains present law and allows law enforcement officers to enter the early voting location when there is a reasonable belief there is an emergency and the registrar is unable to summon the law enforcement officers.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 18:428(A) and (F); adds R.S. 18:428(G) and 1309(A)(5))