

1 WHEREAS, while the routine maintenance was scheduled a month in advance,
2 notice of the maintenance was not publicized by the secretary of state's office until the
3 morning of September 22, 2020; and

4 WHEREAS, although "National Voter's Registration Day" has been in existence for
5 eight years, the secretary of state's office displayed a lack of awareness, in admitting that the
6 scheduled maintenance on this day was an oversight; and

7 WHEREAS, this oversight left many unregistered voters and those seeking election
8 information without an essential resource during key hours of the evening; and

9 WHEREAS, the secretary of state should encourage broad voter registration, access,
10 and citizen participation in elections and ensure the integrity of Louisiana's electoral process.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
12 urge and request the secretary of state to adopt a policy to ensure that routine maintenance
13 of the Department of State's online voter registration system does not occur on or
14 immediately prior to voter registration deadlines or on National Voter Registration Day or
15 during Voter Registration Week.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such policy shall require that notice of routine
17 maintenance be published on the Department of State's website at the time that it is
18 scheduled and actively and continuously available on the website for at least seven days
19 prior to the scheduled maintenance.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such policy shall require that maintenance occur
21 between 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
23 secretary of state.

DIGEST

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