

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 329

BY REPRESENTATIVES HARRIS AND NEWELL

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

VOTERS/VOTING: Changes age of a child who may accompany a parent or legal guardian into a voting machine

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:563(B), relative to voting procedure; to provide for the

3 presence of children while voting; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for

4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:563(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §563. Procedure for voting

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9 B. A ~~pre-teen child~~ minor may accompany his parent or legal guardian into

10 the voting machine.

11 \* \* \*

12 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2022.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Changes the age of a child who may accompany a parent or guardian in a voting booth.

Present law provides that a pre-teen child may be present with a parent or legal guardian in a voting booth.

Proposed law allows any minor to accompany his parent or legal guardian in a voting booth.

Effective January 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 18:563(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Change the effective date of proposed law.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Change the proposed maximum age of a child who may accompany his parent from 15 to 17.