

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2021 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 224 by Senator Cloud

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" and before "relative" delete "R.S. 18:1308(B)" and insert  
 3 "R.S. 18:1306(E)(1)(f), 1307(A)(9), 1309(D)(1)(b), 1313(G)(2), 1313.1(G)(2), and 1315(B)  
 4 and to enact R.S. 18:1306(E)(1)(g) and 1307(A)(10),"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 2

6 On page 1, delete line 3 and insert "to provide for absentee by mail ballot certificate  
 7 requirements; to provide for absentee by mail ballot application requirements; to prohibit the  
 8 use of drop boxes; to provide for definitions; to provide for early voting identity verification;  
 9 to provide for tabulation and counting of ballots; to provide for challenge of a ballot; and to  
 10 provide for"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 3

12 On page 1, line 6, after "Section 1." delete the remainder of the line and insert "R.S.  
 13 18:1306(E)(1)(f), 1307(A)(9), 1309(D)(1)(b), 1313(G)(2), 1313.1(G)(2), and 1315(B) are  
 14 hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:1306(E)(1)(g) and 1307(A)(10) are enacted to  
 15 read as follows:"

16 AMENDMENT NO. 4

17 On page 1, delete lines 7 through 17, delete page 2, and insert the following:

18 §1306. Preparation and distribution of absentee by mail and early voting ballots

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20 E.(1) An absentee by mail ballot envelope also shall have a perforated  
 21 extension or flap below the sealing line, which shall bear a certificate prescribed by  
 22 the secretary of state and approved by the attorney general. The certificate shall  
 23 include but not necessarily be limited to:

24 \* \* \*

25 **(f) The number of the voter's Louisiana driver's license or special**  
 26 **identification card issued pursuant to R.S. 40:1321 or the last four digits of the**  
 27 **voter's social security number if the voter does not have a Louisiana driver's**  
 28 **license or special identification card issued pursuant to R.S. 40:1321.**

29 ~~(f)~~ **(g)** An affidavit followed by a line for the handwritten signature or mark  
 30 of the voter, certifying that the statements made by him are true and correct and that  
 31 the voter is aware of the penalties for knowingly making a false statement therein,  
 32 which penalties shall be stated on the certificate.

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34 §1307. Application by mail

35 A. A person qualified to vote absentee by mail under this Chapter may make  
 36 application therefor to the registrar by letter; over his signature or mark if the voter  
 37 is unable to sign his name, signed by two witnesses who witnessed the applicant's  
 38 mark; setting forth:

39 \* \* \*

40 **(9) The number of the voter's Louisiana driver's license or special**  
 41 **identification card issued pursuant to R.S. 40:1321 or the last four digits of the**  
 42 **voter's social security number if the voter does not have a Louisiana driver's**  
 43 **license or special identification card issued pursuant to R.S. 40:1321.**

44 ~~(9)~~ **(10)** If the person requests that a ballot for a general election be sent in  
 45 addition to a ballot for the primary, he shall declare in writing to the registrar that he  
 46 will be eligible to vote absentee by mail in the general election.

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§1309. Early voting; verification  
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D.(1) \* \* \*

(b) If the voter does not have one of the forms of identification provided in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, the voter shall complete and sign, in the presence of the registrar or his deputy, a voter identification affidavit to that effect provided by the secretary of state, which affidavit shall include the voter's date of birth and mother's maiden name **and the last four digits of the voter's social security number**. If the voter is unable to read or write or is otherwise unable to complete the affidavit due to disability, the voter may receive assistance in completing the affidavit, and the registrar or his deputy shall make a notation on the affidavit. The voter may receive the assistance of any person of his choice, including the registrar or his deputy, except a candidate, the voter's employer or employer's agent, or the voter's union agent. The registrar or his deputy shall retain the affidavit in the office of the registrar of voters.

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§1313. Tabulation and counting of absentee by mail and early voting ballots  
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G. The procedure for the preparation, verification, counting, and tabulation of absentee by mail ballots shall be as follows:

\* \* \*  
(2) The board shall announce the name of each absentee by mail voter and the ward and precinct where he is registered to vote, and shall compare the name, **mother's maiden name, and Louisiana driver's license or special identification card number issued pursuant to R.S. 40:1321 or the last four digits of the voter's social security number** on the certificate or on the flap of the envelope containing the absentee by mail ballot with the **names voter's information** on the absentee by mail voter report.

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§1313.1. Preparation, verification, tabulation, and counting of absentee by mail and early voting ballots; parishes with one thousand or more absentee by mail ballots  
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G. The procedure for the preparation and verification process for the tabulation and counting of absentee by mail ballots and early voting paper ballots on the day before the election shall be as follows:

\* \* \*  
(2) The board shall announce the name of each absentee by mail voter; **and each voter who voted a paper ballot during early voting and the ward and precinct where he is registered to vote, and shall compare the name, mother's maiden name, and Louisiana driver's license or special identification card number issued pursuant to R.S. 40:1321 or the last four digits of the voter's social security number** on the certificate or on the flap of the envelope containing the absentee by mail ballot or early voting paper ballot with the **names voter's information** on the absentee by mail voter report or early voter report, as applicable.

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§1315. Challenge of absentee by mail or early voting ballot  
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B.(1) During the preparation and verification process for the counting of absentee by mail and early voting ballots on the day before the election, as applicable, or the counting of absentee by mail and early voting ballots on election day, any candidate or his representative, member of the board, or qualified elector may challenge an absentee by mail or early voting ballot for cause, other than those grounds specified in R.S. 18:565(A). **Reasons for challenging an absentee by mail ballot for cause shall include, but not be limited to, the information provided on the certificate or flap of the envelope containing the absentee by mail ballot not matching the voter's information as it appears on his voter registration.**

(2) ~~Notwithstanding Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, for elections impaired as a result of a declared disaster or emergency, during the preparation and verification process for the counting of absentee by mail and early voting ballots~~

1 ~~before an election in accordance with R.S. 18:1313.2, or the counting of absentee by~~  
2 ~~mail and early voting ballots on election day in accordance with R.S. 18:1313.2, any~~  
3 ~~candidate or his representative, member of the board, or qualified elector may~~  
4 ~~challenge an absentee by mail or early voting ballot for cause, other than those~~  
5 ~~grounds specified in R.S. 18:565(A).~~

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7 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2023."