

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law authorizes parishes to conduct the preparation and verification process for the tabulation and counting of absentee by mail and early voting ballots the day before the election.

Prior law limited the applicability of existing law to parishes with 1,000 or more absentee by mail ballots returned to the registrar of voters. New law removes this limitation thereby making existing law applicable to all parishes.

New law authorizes any parish, with written approval of the secretary of state, to conduct the preparation and verification of absentee by mail and early voting ballots beginning three days before the election day.

Existing law requires that absentee by mail and early voting ballots be tabulated and counted on election day.

Prior law provided relative to elections impaired by a declared disaster or emergency and allowed the preparation and verification process to begin four days before election day. Provided that prior law ceased to be effective on Aug. 1, 2021. New law repeals prior law.

Effective August 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 18:423(J), 1313.1(A), (B), (C)(1), (E), and (G)(intro. para.), (6), and (7), and 1315(B); Repeals R.S. 18:1313.2)