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HOUSE BILL NO. 220

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ELECTIONS/POLLING PLACES: Provides for publication of polling locations

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:535(B), relative to notice of location of polling places; to
3 provide for publication of polling locations; to provide for the duties of the secretary
4 of state, registrar of voters, and clerk of court; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:535(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §535. Notice of location of precincts and polling places

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9 B. Before primary elections. The parish board of election supervisors shall
10 publish the location of the polling places in the parish at least once before each
11 primary election. The publication shall be in the official journal of the parish during
12 the third week before the primary election. ~~The locations shall be published on the~~
13 ~~website of the secretary of state and may be published on websites maintained by~~
14 ~~parish election officials, including the registrar of voters and clerk of court. The~~
15 secretary of state shall publish on the department of state's website a publicly
16 available list of the locations of all polling places. The list shall be arranged by
17 parish and precinct. A parish registrar of voters or clerk of court that maintains a
18 website shall publish on the website a publicly available list of the location of all
19 polling places within the parish. The list shall be arranged by precinct. Each website

1 shall also include instructions on how a voter may subscribe to receive electronic
2 notifications of polling place location changes.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the secretary of state and the parish registrar of voters and clerk of court to publish a list of polling locations on their websites.

Present law requires the parish board of election supervisors to publish the location of the polling places in the parish at least once in the official journal of the parish during the third week before the primary election. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the locations to be published on the website of the secretary of state and authorizes the parish election officials to publish the locations on their websites.

Proposed law instead requires the secretary of state to publish on the department's website the location of all polling places in a list by parish and precinct. Further requires the parish registrar of voters and clerk of court to publish on their websites, if any, the location of all polling places within the parish in a list by precinct.

(Amends R.S. 18:535(B))