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HOUSE BILL NO. 412

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ELECTIONS: Requires publication of proposed recommendations of the State Board of Election Supervisors

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:25(B), relative to reports of the State Board of Election
3 Supervisors; to provide for posting of reports on the secretary of state's website and
4 to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:25(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §25. Annual reports

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9 B. The board shall annually report to the House and Governmental Affairs
10 Committee of the House of Representatives and the Senate and Governmental
11 Affairs Committee of the Senate its findings, observations, and recommendations
12 concerning all aspects of elections in this state. The draft report of the board's
13 recommendations shall be posted on the secretary of state's website at least seventy-
14 two hours prior to the meeting in which the recommendations will be voted on by the
15 board. The final report shall be submitted and posted on the secretary of state's
16 website no later than January thirty-first each year and shall include but shall not be
17 limited to the following subjects: election laws in general, registration procedures,
18 election procedures, election officials, voting machines, tabulation and transmission
19 of election returns, procedures used for casting and counting absentee by mail and
20 early voting ballots, and any other aspect of elections the board deems appropriate.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for posting of the State Bd. of Election Supervisors annual reports to the secretary of state's website.

Present law requires the State Bd. of Election Supervisors to annually report to the House and Senate governmental affairs committees its findings, observations and recommendations concerning all aspects of elections in this state.

Present law provides the report be submitted no later than Jan. 31, of each year and include the following:

- (1) Elections laws in general.
- (2) Registration procedures.
- (3) Election procedures.
- (4) Election officials.
- (5) Voting machines.
- (6) Tabulation and transmission of election returns.
- (7) Procedures for casting and counting absentee by mail and early voting ballots.
- (8) Other aspects of elections that the board deems appropriate.

Proposed law retains present law and provides for draft reports to be posted to the secretary of state's website at least 72 hours prior to a meeting in which the recommendations are to be voted on by the board. Proposed law further provides that the final report shall be posted to the secretary of state's website no later than Jan. 31 of each year.

(Amends R.S. 18:25(B))