

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 202

BY SENATOR CLOUD

VOTERS/VOTING. Provides relative to voter rolls. (8/1/24)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:174, relative to voter records; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for definitions; to provide for canvassing of registrants; to provide for address changes and corrections; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:174 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§174. Publicly owned utility

A. The chief administrative officer of each publicly owned utility in the state may send to the Department of State in a manner specified by the department a report, certified as correct over his signature or the signature of his authorized representative, containing the name, date of birth, mother's maiden name, address, telephone number, Louisiana driver's license or special identification card issued pursuant to R.S. 40:1321 number, service connection date, and service disconnection date, if available, of all residential customers in the area served by the utility on no less than a quarterly basis. The report shall also contain the last four digits of the social security number of all residential customers in the area served by the utility, if available.

1 **B. For purposes of this Section, "publicly owned utility" means any**
 2 **publicly owned or municipally controlled company, corporation, partnership,**
 3 **business, system, or person that provides gas, electricity, or water to residential**
 4 **consumers in Louisiana.**

5 **C. Beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, in each parish**
 6 **with a publicly owned utility operating within the parish or in any portion of the**
 7 **parish, the registrar of voters may verify the names and addresses of registrants**
 8 **in all precincts in the area served by the utility using the report provided by the**
 9 **utility.**

10 **D. In conducting the verification, if the utility operator provides an**
 11 **address inside the parish that is different from the voter's address as it appears**
 12 **on his voter registration, the registrar of voters shall send the voter an address**
 13 **confirmation card as provided in R.S. 18:198.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Matt DeVille.

DIGEST

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Proposed law provides that the chief administrative officer of each publicly owned utility in the state may send a report to the Department of State containing the name, date of birth, mother's maiden name, address, telephone number, Louisiana driver's license or special identification card number, service connection and disconnection date, if available, of every residential customer in the area served by the utility on no less than a quarterly basis. Proposed law further provides that the report shall contain the last four digits of the residential customers' social security number.

Proposed law defines "publicly owned utility" as any publicly owned or municipally controlled company, corporation, partnership, business, system, or person that provides gas, electricity, or water to residential customers in Louisiana.

Proposed law provides that in each parish with a publicly owned utility operating within the parish or a portion of the parish the parish registrar of voters may utilize the report from the publicly owned utility to verify the names and addresses of registered voters in all precincts served by the utility beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

Proposed law provides that if the utility operator provides an address that is different from the voter's address as it appears on his voter registration during the verification process, the registrar of voters shall send the voter an address confirmation card as provided in present law.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 18:174)