
DIGEST

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Abstract: Changes the name of the elections compliance unit to the division of election integrity.

Present law provides for an elections compliance unit in the Dept. of State to initiate independent inquiries and conduct independent investigations into allegations of election irregularities in any municipality or parish; respond to complaints or notifications alleging election irregularities; and review notices and reports of election irregularities and conduct investigations of any incidents that it determines require further investigation. Provides that the unit has the authority to issue subpoenas to compel the production of records and other documents from the registrar of voters and receive sworn statements. Authorizes a member of the elections compliance unit upon receipt of a complaint of any election irregularity to enter a polling place during early voting or on election day for the purposes of checking the overall operations of the polling place or investigating any potential violation of the election code. Requires the elections compliance unit to turn over its findings to the appropriate prosecutorial agency if it determines that there may be a violation of any criminal law or provision of the election code.

Proposed law changes the name of the elections compliance unit to the division of election integrity, makes technical changes, and otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 18:49.1)