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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; to provide for the publication of
5 certain information online; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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10 B. Before primary elections. The parish board of election supervisors shall
11 publish the location of the polling places in the parish at least once before each
12 primary election. The publication shall be in the official journal of the parish during
13 the third week before the primary election. The locations shall be published on the
14 website of the secretary of state, ~~and may be published on websites maintained by~~
15 ~~parish election officials, including the registrar of voters and clerk of court. Each~~
16 The secretary of state's website shall also include instructions on how a voter may
17 subscribe to receive electronic notifications of polling place location changes. If a
18 parish registrar of voters or clerk of court maintains a website, he shall publish on
19 the website beginning thirty days prior to an election a publicly available list of the
20 locations of all polling places within the parish, arranged by precinct.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires registrars of voters and clerks 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. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law authorizes parish election officials to publish polling locations on their websites. Proposed law instead requires a parish registrar or clerk of court that maintains a website to publish polling locations on their websites, arranged by precinct, beginning 30 days prior to an election.

Present law requires the secretary of state and parish election officials to include on their websites instructions on how a voter may subscribe to receive electronic notifications of polling place location changes.

Proposed law removes the requirement as it relates to parish election officials.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Remove the proposed law requirement that the secretary of state publish on his website a publicly available list of all polling places arranged by parish and precinct.
2. Remove the present law requirement that local election officials publish on their websites information regarding receiving notification of polling place location changes.
3. Require registrars and clerks of court to publish polling locations on their websites beginning 30 days prior to an election.