

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 384 by Senator Fields

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 2 through 7 and insert:

"To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1309(D)(1)(d) and 1317 and to enact R.S. 18:1309(D)(1)(e) and (f), relative to certain voter data; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for dissemination of information by the secretary of state; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete lines 9 and 10 and insert: "Section 1. R.S. 18:1309(D)(1)(d) and 1317 are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:1309(D)(1)(e) and (f) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 11 through 17, delete pages 2 through 5, and on page 6 delete lines 1 through 6 and insert:

"§1309. Early voting; verification
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D.(1)(a) * * *

(d) If the voter is deemed ineligible to vote due to a deficiency in the affidavit provided for in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, the registrar or his deputy shall issue a written explanation to the applicant and the secretary of state.

(e) The secretary of state shall maintain records of all affidavits rejected pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection and shall include information detailing the total number of affidavits rejected per parish and the reasons for their rejection in the post-election statistical data published to the website of the secretary of state.

(f) A voter who votes without the picture identification required by Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph is subject to challenge as provided in R.S. 18:1315.

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§1317. Curing absentee by mail ballot deficiencies; rejection of deficient ballots
The secretary of state shall promulgate and adopt rules as necessary to effectuate uniform and standardized processes for the review and curing or rejection of deficient absentee by mail ballots by the parish board of election supervisors, shall maintain records of all ballots rejected pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 18:1309, and shall include information detailing the total number of ballots rejected per parish and the reasons for their rejection in the post-election statistical data published to the website of the secretary of state.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025; if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval by the legislature or July 1, 2025, whichever is later."