

DIGEST

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SB 155 Engrossed

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Present law provides that person who assists a voter in voting absentee by mail shall execute the acknowledgment on the certificate prepared by the secretary of state, verifying that the person providing the assistance has marked the ballot in the manner dictated by the voter, and the signature on the acknowledgment by the person providing assistance may serve as the signature of the witness required by present law.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that no person except the immediate family member of the voter or an employee of the registrar of voters or the election division of the Dept. of State shall assist with the certificate of more than one voter.

Present law provides that a qualified voter who resides in a nursing home within the parish in which he is entitled to vote may vote early at least one week prior to the beginning of early voting through the last day for early voting.

Proposed law provides that a qualified voter who resides in a nursing home within the parish in which he is entitled to vote may vote early at least two weeks prior to the beginning of early voting through the last day for early voting.

(Amends R.S. 18:1310(C)(1) and 1333(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by SenateCommittee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Provide that no person except an immediate family member is allowed to assist with more than one certificate of a voter.
2. Extend the period for early voting in the nursing home early voting program from one week to two weeks.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by HouseThe Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the engrossed bill:

1. Provide that employees of the registrar of voters or the election division of the Dept. of State are not prohibited from assisting with the certificate of more than one voter.
2. Specify that the prohibition applies to assisting with the certificate of multiple voters rather than multiple certificates of a single voter.