

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 155

2024 Regular Session

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KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

VOTERS/VOTING. Provides for marking absentee by mail ballots. (8/1/24)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE 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.
3. Adds requirement that a witness to any required document be at least age 18.
4. Adds requirement that each witness to an absentee by mail ballot certificate be at least age 18 and provide their mailing address.
5. Provides for election offense to witness the certificate of more than one voter who is not an immediate family member.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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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.

Proposed law requires that any document required by or provided for in the Louisiana Election Code be witnessed by a person who is at least 18 years old. Specifically requires that each witness who signs an absentee by mail ballot certificate provide his mailing address in the appropriate space on the certificate.

Proposed law provides that it is an election offense for one to witness the certificate of more than one voter who is not an immediate family member.

(Amends R.S. 18:1310(C)(1) and 1333(B); adds R.S. 18:4 and 14617(A)(7))

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