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The Honorable Cameron Henry
President of the Senate
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The Honorable Yolanda Dixon
Secretary of the Senate
State Capitol
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Baton Rouge, LA 70802

RE: Senate Bill Number 96 of the 2024 Regular Session by Senator Samuel Jenkins

Dear President Henry and Secretary Dixon:

Please be advised that I have vetoed Senate Bill 96 of the 2024 Regular Session.

This bill is a solution in search of a problem. Current law provides that the deadline to register to vote is thirty days before an election. R.S. 18:135(A)(1). Current law also allows individuals with a valid Louisiana driver's license or special identification card to register online twenty days before an election. R.S. 18:135(A)(3).

I believe current law adequately allows voters with a Louisiana driver's license or special identification card to register online, without making these additional exceptions. These unnecessary exceptions further convolute election registration deadlines. Furthermore, I believe our state should have a uniform registration deadline of thirty days for all voters.

Additionally, this bill may cause an unfunded mandate on local governments to supply the registrar of voters with the necessary equipment. The fiscal note of the enrolled bill states that this law, "may result in undeterminable one-time increase in Local Fund expenditures for Registrars of Voters to provide assistance to voters registering to vote using the electronic voter registration application." Furthermore, allowing members of the public to access registrar of voters' computer systems could jeopardize their information technology security, which is not acceptable.

This bill creates an unnecessary financial burden on local governments.

For these reasons, Senate Bill 96 will not become law.

Sincerely,



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