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SENATE BILL NO. 420

BY SENATORS HODGES, CLOUD AND KLEINPETER AND REPRESENTATIVE WILDER

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1461.2(B) and to enact R.S. 14:133.1.1, relative to election
3	offenses affecting registration and election fraud; to create the crime of election
4	fraud or forgery; to provide penalties; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 14:133.1.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
7	§133.1.1. Election fraud or forgery
8	A. No person shall knowingly, willfully, or intentionally:
9	(1) Vote or attempt to vote more than once in an election.
10	(2) Vote or attempt to vote, knowing that he is not qualified, or influence
11	or attempt to influence another to vote, knowing that voter to be unqualified or
12	the vote to be fraudulent.
13	(3) Register, vote, or attempt to register or vote in the name of another
14	or in an assumed or fictitious name, or in any manner other than as provided
15	in the Louisiana Election Code.
16	(4) Forge the name of another or use a fictitious name on an affidavit or
17	document required by the Louisiana Election Code.
18	(5) Procure or submit voter registration applications that are known by
19	the person to be materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent.
20	(6) Forge, alter, add to, deface, take, destroy, or remove from proper
21	custodial care any book, card, record, voter registration application, election
22	return, nomination papers, withdrawals of candidacy, election supplies, election
23	paraphernalia, or any affidavit or other document required or provided for
24	under the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, unless required to be
25	removed by a court of competent jurisdiction for inspection and photostatic
26	copying for the court record.

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1	(7) Have in his possession an official ballot in violation of any provision
2	of the Louisiana Election Code.
3	(8) Have in his possession the registration certificate of another with
4	intent to violate any provision of the Louisiana Election Code.
5	(9) For purposes other than fulfilling the person's duties relative to
6	registration of voters as provided by law, copy or reproduce a voter registration
7	application that has been submitted by an applicant.
8	B. Whoever violates any provision of this Section shall be fined not more
9	than two thousand dollars or be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not
10	more than two years, or both, for the first offense. On a second offense, or any
11	subsequent offense, the penalty shall be a fine of not more than five thousand
12	dollars or imprisonment at hard labor for not more than five years, or both.
13	Section 2. R.S. 18:1461.2(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
14	§1461.2. Election offenses affecting registration and election fraud or forgery;
15	penalties
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17	B. Whoever violates any provision of this Section shall be fined not more
18	than two thousand dollars or be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more
19	than two years, or both, for the first offense. On a second offense, or any subsequent
20	offense, the penalty shall be a fine of not more than five thousand dollars or
21	imprisonment at hard labor for not more than five years, or both Whoever violates
22	any provision of this Section shall be subject to the penalty provisions of R.S.
23	<u>14:133.1.1</u> .
	PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
	SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
	GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA
	APPROVED: