

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law provided for an elections compliance unit in the Dept. of State.

New law changes the name of the elections compliance unit to the division of election integrity and otherwise retains existing law relative to the purposes of the entity including to initiate independent inquiries and conduct independent investigations into allegations of election irregularities in any municipality or parish; respond to complaints or notifications alleging election irregularities; and review notices and reports of election irregularities and conduct investigations of any incidents that it determines require further investigation. For purposes of investigations, existing law includes the authority to issue subpoenas to compel the production of records and other documents from the registrar of voters and to receive sworn statements. Authorizes an employee of the division, upon receipt of a complaint of any election irregularity, to enter a polling place during early voting or on election day for the purposes of checking the overall operations of the polling place or investigating any potential violation of the election code. Further requires findings to be turned over to the appropriate prosecutorial agency if the division determines that there may be a violation of any criminal law or provision of the election code.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 18:49.1)