

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 332

BY REPRESENTATIVE LARVADAIN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ELECTIONS: Provides relative to the size of the campaign-free zone radius at polling places

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1462(A)(introductory paragraph) and (2), relative to
3 elections; to provide for the reduction of the size of the campaign-free zone radius
4 around polling places; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 18:1462(A)(introductory paragraph) and (2) are hereby amended and
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 §1462. Acts prohibited during early voting or on election day; electioneering;
10 intimidation; exceptions; enforcement; penalties

11 A. The Legislature of Louisiana recognizes that the right to vote is a right
12 that is essential to the effective operation of a democratic government. In order to
13 preserve the integrity of its election process, and to protect the right of citizens to
14 vote freely for the candidates of their choice, the state has a compelling interest in
15 establishing a zone securing polling locations against certain conduct and activities,
16 including voter intimidation, election fraud, confusion, and general disorder, that
17 would interfere with the exercise of the right to vote. The legislature, therefore,
18 enacts this Subsection to provide for a ~~six~~ one hundred foot campaign-free zone
19 around polling places to provide to each voter such an environment in which to
20 exercise his right to vote. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, it shall

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 18:1462(A)(intro. para.) and (2))