

ACT No. 693

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1057

BY REPRESENTATIVES WALTERS AND MANDIE LANDRY

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1307(C), relative to absentee by mail voting; to provide relative to applying to vote absentee by mail; to provide relative to application by a member of the United States Service or a citizen who resides outside of the United States; to provide that an application remains valid until a certain time under certain circumstances; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:1307(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1307. Application by mail

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C. If the applicant is a member of the United States Service or resides outside the United States, he may use the federal postcard application or an application electronically transmitted by the registrar or secretary of state, and the application shall be received by the registrar no later than 4:30 p.m. on the day before the election. Such application shall be valid for a period extending at least ~~one year~~ two years from the date the application is received in the office of the registrar of voters; such period shall include at least one regularly scheduled federal general election. If the registrar rejects the application of an applicant who is a

1 member of the United States Service or resides outside the United States, the
2 registrar shall provide the applicant with written reasons for the rejection.

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4 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2027.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____