

First Extraordinary Session, 2005

HOUSE BILL NO. 100

BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHMOND

ELECTIONS/ABSENTEE VOTE: Allows registered voters temporarily displaced by a gubernatorially declared state of emergency who have registered by mail to vote absentee by mail without first voting in person or appearing in the office of the registrar (Item #58)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 18:115(F)(2)(d), relative to voting absentee by mail; to provide for persons
3 displaced by a gubernatorially declared state of emergency who have registered to
4 vote by mail to vote absentee by mail; to provide for documentation; to provide for
5 the effectiveness of such provisions; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 18:115(F)(2)(d) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §115. Registration by mail

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12 (2) The provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall not apply in the
13 case of the following:

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15 (d) A person who has been temporarily displaced from his parish of
16 residence by a gubernatorially declared state of emergency, when he submits with
17 the application to vote by mail documentation showing his displaced status from a
18 nonprofit organization exempt from federal taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3)
19 of the Internal Revenue Code or a federal or state agency. The provisions of this

governor to extend the effective period of proposed law, relative to the emergency, via proclamation upon certification by the secretary of state that circumstances in the areas affected by the emergency significantly impair the ability of the displaced persons to vote in person during the early voting period or at the polls on election day.

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

(Adds R.S. 18:115(F)(2)(d))