

First Extraordinary Session, 2005

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

BY REPRESENTATIVES LANCASTER AND JEFFERSON

VOTING/REGISTRATION: Suspends the provisions of law relative to the annual canvass of voters until 60 days after the 2006 Regular Session (Item #56)

## 1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To suspend until sixty days after final adjournment of the 2006 Regular Session of the  
3 Legislature of Louisiana the provisions of R.S. 18:192, which provides for the annual  
4 canvass of registered voters.

5           WHEREAS, R.S. 18:192 requires each registrar of voters to conduct an annual  
6   canvass of the names of registrants in all precincts and authorizes the Department of State  
7   to use the United States Postal Service or its licensee to verify the names and addresses of  
8   the registrants in all precincts in the state; and

9 WHEREAS, R.S. 18:192 requires each registrar of voters to mail registrants a card  
10 with instructions to the postmaster to deliver only as addressed or return to sender and  
11 provides that if the card is returned or if the postmaster provides a corrected address outside  
12 the parish, the registrar shall challenge the registrant on the ground that the registrar has  
13 reason to believe the registrant is no longer qualified to be registered; and

14 WHEREAS, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita struck the state of Louisiana causing severe  
15 flooding and damage to the southern part of the state, devastating the lives of many citizens  
16 of the state of Louisiana, and causing damage and destruction to public and private property  
17 and the disruption of services to our citizens; and

18 WHEREAS, since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, regular mail service to many ZIP  
19 Codes in Louisiana was suspended, and as a result of the disruption of regular mail service,  
20 the citizens of these areas were urged to file forwarding orders and change of address forms  
21 with the United States Postal Service; and

1           WHEREAS, since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, over three hundred twenty-seven  
2 thousand change of address forms have been filed for ZIP Codes in the most devastated  
3 areas of our state.

4           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby suspends  
5 the provisions of R.S. 18:192.

6           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this suspension shall become effective upon  
7 adoption of this Resolution and shall extend through the sixtieth day after final adjournment  
8 of the 2006 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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DIGEST

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(Suspends R.S. 18:192)