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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to Original House Bill No. 59 by Representative Jefferson

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 3, after "provide for" and before "displaced" insert "certain"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 4, after "vote by mail" and before "to vote absentee" insert "by a certain  
5 date"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, delete line 5 and insert "an affidavit attesting to the voter's eligibility; to provide  
8 for the effectiveness of"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 4

10 On page 1, line 8, after "relative to selection" delete the remainder of the line and insert a  
11 comma ", " and insert "training, and certain expenses of such commissioners;"

12 AMENDMENT NO. 5

13 On page 1, line 19, delete line 19 and insert the following:

14 "(d)(i) The Legislature of Louisiana recognizes that due to a recent common  
15 disaster and state of emergency in our state, an unprecedented number of persons  
16 have been temporarily displaced from their parishes of residence for an indefinite  
17 period of time. Because the right to vote is a right that is essential to the effective  
18 operation of a democratic government, the legislature finds that the state has a  
19 compelling interest in securing the right to vote for any person temporarily displaced  
20 by a disaster or emergency who may experience greater difficulty exercising his right  
21 due to his displaced status. The legislature, therefore, enacts this Subparagraph,  
22 which shall apply to any person temporarily displaced from his parish of"

23 AMENDMENT NO. 6

24 On page 1, line 20, after "state of emergency," and before "when he submits" insert "who  
25 registered to vote on or before September 24, 2005,"

26 AMENDMENT NO. 7

27 On page 2, line 1, after "vote by mail" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 2 and  
28 3 and insert "an affidavit attesting that he is temporarily displaced from his parish of  
29 residence, that he is eligible to vote in his parish of residence, and that he expects to be out  
30 of his parish of registration during early voting and on election day. The provisions of this"

31 AMENDMENT NO. 8

32 On page 2, line 4, after "following the" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 5  
33 through 10 and insert the following:

34 "effective date of this Item.

1           (ii) Upon expiration of Item (i) of this Subparagraph, any voter who has  
2 voted absentee by mail pursuant to this Subparagraph who has not voted during early  
3 voting or at the polls on election day shall not be considered to have previously voted  
4 in the parish in which he is registered for purposes of Paragraph (1) of this  
5 Subsection and shall be subject to the requirements of that Paragraph."

6 AMENDMENT NO. 9

7 On page 2, line 15, after "an election held" delete the remainder of the line and insert "within  
8 one year following the date of the issuance of any gubernatorial proclamation declaring a  
9 state"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 10

11 On page 2, line 16, change "clerk of court" to "parish board of election supervisors"

12 AMENDMENT NO. 11

13 On page 2, line 18, change "clerk" to "board"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 12

15 On page 2, line 24, after "secretary of state" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines  
16 25 through 29 and on page 3, delete lines 1 and 2 and insert the following:

17 "shall approve the request and notify the parish board of election supervisors of the  
18 affected parish. The board of the affected parish shall request the parish boards of  
19 election supervisors to submit lists of available commissioners by the fifteenth day  
20 prior to the election. The board of the affected parish shall select commissioners to  
21 serve in the affected parish from such lists based on availability, proximity, and to  
22 the extent possible, the requirements for representation based on recognized political  
23 party affiliation as provided for in R.S. 18:434(B)(7). The clerk of court of the  
24 affected parish shall ensure that the selected commissioners have received adequate  
25 training on the voting machines that are used in the affected parish, and on any  
26 procedures necessary for the conduct of the election. The selected commissioners,  
27 upon approval of the secretary of state, shall be entitled to appropriate  
28 reimbursement for travel expenses."