

First Extraordinary Session, 2005

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

BY REPRESENTATIVES LANCASTER AND JEFFERSON AND SENATOR JONES

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE