

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE BILL NO. 15

BY SENATOR PERRY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS. Authorizes the registrars of voters to make changes of address, changes of party affiliation or nonaffiliation and changes of name received prior to the close of the registration records for the general election. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:135(C) and to enact R.S. 18:135(B)(4), relative to registrars
3 of voters; authorizes the registrars of voters to make changes of address, changes of
4 party affiliation or nonaffiliation and changes of name received prior to the close of
5 the registration records for the general election; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 18:135(B)(4) is hereby enacted and R.S. 18:135(C) is hereby
8 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §135. Close of registration

10 A. * * *

11 B. Except as otherwise provided by law, no entries or changes in the
12 registration records shall be made thereafter except:

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14 (4) To make changes of address, changes of party affiliation or
15 nonaffiliation and changes of name received prior to the close of the registration
16 records for the general election.

17 C. Except as otherwise provided by law, while the registration records are

1 closed as required by Subsection A of this Section, registrars shall accept any
2 application for registration, ~~change of address, change of party affiliation or~~
3 ~~nonaffiliation, change of name~~, or application for any other lawful entry or change
4 in a registration, but none of these shall be effective until at least the day after the
5 election has been held.

6 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
7 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
8 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
9 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
10 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Lauren B. Bailey.

DIGEST

Present law prohibits the registrars of voters from making changes of address received after the close of the registration records for the primary election that are submitted by registrants, except for registrants who are on the inactive list and confirm their addresses by voting absentee by mail, voting during early voting, voting on election day or who confirm their addresses after the close of books for the primary election as authorized by present law (R.S. 18:196(C)).

Proposed law makes the changes of address of active registrants received after the close of the registration records for the primary election consistent with the provisions for the inactive registrants whose changes of address are made prior to the general election.

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

(Amends R.S. 18:135(C); adds R.S. 18:135(B)(4))