

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 1211

BY REPRESENTATIVE TIM BURNS

ELECTIONS: Provides relative to precinct changes and annexations for election purposes

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:532.1(E), relative to elections; to provide relative to the
3 deadline for submitting information relative to a precinct change or annexation; to
4 provide for the information that must be submitted; to prohibit precinct changes and
5 the implementation of an annexation during a specified time period; to provide for
6 the effectiveness of a precinct change or annexation for purposes of elections; and
7 to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 18:532.1(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §532.1. Changing boundaries

11 * * *

12 E.(1) A precinct shall not be changed, and no precinct shall be established
13 or altered in any way, including alphabetical division by voter surname, and no
14 annexation shall be implemented during the period commencing on the fifth business
15 day prior to the date the qualifying period opens and ending on the date of the
16 general election.

17 (2) ~~For an election which is exclusively for bonds, taxes, and other~~
18 ~~propositions or questions and for no other kind of election, a precinct shall not be~~
19 ~~changed during the period commencing on the forty-sixth day prior to the election~~
20 ~~and ending on the date of the election.~~

1 (3) No precinct change or annexation that is made prior to the fifth business
2 day prior to the date the qualifying period opens ~~or, in the case of an election~~
3 ~~exclusively for bonds, taxes, and other propositions or questions, prior to the forty-~~
4 ~~sixth day before the election shall become effective for those elections, respectively,~~
5 the election unless the information required in Subsection A of this Section,
6 including ~~a statement of no objection to the change from the United States attorney~~
7 ~~general~~ notice of preclearance if required pursuant to the Voting Rights Act of 1965,
8 is received by the secretary of state prior to the fifth business day prior to the date the
9 qualifying period opens ~~or prior to the forty-sixth day before the election, as the case~~
10 ~~may be.~~

11 * * *

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

Tim Burns

HB No. 1211

Abstract: Extends by five days the period during which no precinct change may be made or annexation implemented and requires specified information concerning any such precinct change or annexation to be submitted five days earlier.

Present law (R.S. 18:532.1(E)) provides that a precinct shall not be changed, and no precinct shall be established or altered in any way, including alphabetical division by voter surname, and no annexation shall be implemented during a specified time period. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the time period commences on the date the qualifying period opens and ends on the date of the general election. Proposed law provides that the time period commences on the fifth business day prior to the date the qualifying period opens, instead of the date the qualifying period opens. Otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides that for an election which is exclusively for bonds, taxes, and other propositions or questions and for no other kind of election, a precinct shall not be changed during the period commencing on the 46th day prior to the election and ending on the date of the election.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides that no precinct change or annexation that is made prior to the date the qualifying period opens shall become effective for the election unless certain specified information is received by the secretary of state prior to the date the qualifying period opens.

Proposed law provides that the information must be submitted prior to the fifth business day prior to the date the qualifying period opens, instead of the day the qualifying period opens. Otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides that in the case of an election exclusively for bonds, taxes, and other propositions or questions, no precinct change or annexation that is made prior to the 46th day before the election shall become effective for the election unless certain specified information is received by the secretary of state prior to the 46th day before the election.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law specifies information that must be submitted concerning a precinct change or annexation, including a copy of the ordinance adopting the change and a copy of the map showing the new precinct boundaries and designations together with a written description of such boundaries. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires a statement of no objection to the change from the U.S. attorney general to also be submitted. Proposed law repeals present law and instead requires the submission of notice of preclearance if required pursuant to the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

(Amends R.S. 18:532.1(E))