

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 230

BY REPRESENTATIVES SMITH, BAGNERIS, BOUIE, CARPENTER, GARY CARTER,
COX, GAINES, JIMMY HARRIS, HUNTER, JACKSON, JAMES, JEFFERSON,
JENKINS, LYONS, MARCELLE, AND PRICE AND SENATORS BARROW
AND COLOMB

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1302(4) and 1309(A)(1), relative to early voting; to provide
3 for the period for conducting early voting; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 18:1302(4) and 1309(A)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to
6 read as follows:

7 §1302. Definitions

8 As used in this Chapter, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the
9 following terms shall have the meanings hereafter ascribed to each:

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11 (4) "Early voting" means the period of time ~~from fourteen days to seven days~~
12 prior to any scheduled election when any person who is qualified to vote may vote
13 in person at a place designated by the registrar as provided in R.S. 18:1309.

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15 §1309. Early voting; verification

16 A.(1)(a)(i) The period for conducting early voting shall be from fourteen
17 days to seven days prior to any scheduled election.

18 (ii) The period for conducting early voting shall also include the day added
19 pursuant to Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, if applicable.

1 **(b)(i) One day of early voting shall be added to the period specified in Item**
2 **(a)(i) of this Paragraph if one or more holidays is required to be observed on a**
3 **weekday during that period pursuant to Paragraph (4) of this Subsection.**

4 **(ii) The additional day shall be the first day preceding the period described**
5 **in Item (a)(i) of this Paragraph that is not a Sunday or a holiday required to be**
6 **observed pursuant to Paragraph (4) of this Subsection.**

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____