
DIGEST

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HB 940 Reengrossed

2016 Regular Session

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Abstract: Requires that a student ID card issued to students at public universities contain various elements such that it will serve as an identification card for voting purposes.

Present law requires individuals to identify themselves as a prerequisite to voting and provides that acceptable means of identification are a La. driver's license, a La. special identification card, or other generally recognized picture identification card that contains the person's name and signature. Provides for alternatives if a person has none of these items. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires each public postsecondary management board, except the community and technical college system board, to ensure that a student identification card issued by an institution under its jurisdiction contains the elements required for voting purposes. Further requires that the validity of such cards expire within four years of issuance or upon the student's anticipated graduation, whichever occurs first.

Effective January 1, 2019.

(Adds R.S. 17:3351(J))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Provide that proposed law does not apply to the Bd. of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges.
2. Add provision that proposed law is to be implemented only in the issuance of new cards.
3. Add provision relative to the expiration of the validity of student identification cards.
4. Change effective date of proposed law from Aug. 1, 2016, to Jan. 1, 2019.