

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 414 (HB 471)

2016 Regular Session

Danahay

Existing constitution (Art. XI, §5) provides that the governing authority of each parish shall appoint a registrar of voters, whose compensation, removal from office for cause, bond, powers, and functions shall be provided by law.

Existing law (R.S. 18:52) requires the registrar to be a resident and qualified voter of the parish in which he is to perform his duties.

New law additionally requires each applicant for registrar of voters to be a registered voter. If appointed to fill the office of registrar of voters, requires the applicant to become a resident and registered voter of the parish in which he is to perform his duties prior to taking the oath of office.

New law requires the registrar to possess at least one of the following at the time of appointment:

- (1) A baccalaureate degree and three years of full-time, professional work experience.
- (2) Nine years of full-time, professional work experience.
- (3) Six years of full-time employment in a registrar's office in La.

New law provides that for purposes of new law, "professional work experience" means experience in an occupation which requires specialized and theoretical knowledge usually acquired through college training or through work experience and other training which provides comparable knowledge.

New law provides that it does not apply to a registrar appointed prior to the effective date of new law.

Effective if and when the proposed amendment of Article XI of the Constitution of La. contained in Act No. 677 of the 2016 R.S. is adopted at a statewide election and becomes effective.

(Amends R.S. 18:52)