

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 360 (HB 593)**

**2016 Regular Session**

**Danahay**

Existing law (R.S. 18:51) provides that a registrar of voters for each parish shall be appointed by the governing authority of the parish. Existing law (R.S. 18:52) provides that each registrar shall be a resident and qualified voter of the parish in which he is to perform his duties.

Existing law requires the parish governing authority to fill a vacancy in the office of registrar of voters within 30 days. Provides relative to the performance of the registrar's duties during such a vacancy.

New law provides for the manner of appointment of the registrar. Requires the parish governing authority to take all reasonable steps to make as many people in the parish as possible aware of the upcoming appointment of a registrar, including without limitation by issuing press releases to local news services and other media outlets and if the governing authority has a website, by posting notice on its website. New law provides that at a minimum, the parish governing authority shall publish notice of the upcoming appointment on two separate days at least one week apart in the official journal of the governing authority and in another newspaper with a larger circulation within the parish than the official journal if there is such a newspaper. Provides requirements for the notice. Requires the governing authority to offer to interview each applicant who meets the qualifications provided by law.

Existing law provides that the governor issues a commission to the registrar.

New law provides requirements for the issuance of the commission. Requires the governing authority to submit documentation to the governor indicating that it has complied with new law. Provides that if the governing authority fails to show compliance with new law, the governor shall not issue a commission to the registrar but shall instead send notice to the governing authority that it has failed to show such compliance.

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 approved at a statewide election and becomes effective.

(Amends R.S. 18:51(A), (B), and (C)(1); Adds R.S. 18:51.1)