
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2017 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to
Original House Bill No. 544 by Representative DanahayAMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "425(C)(1)," insert "425.1(A),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, after "574(F)," insert "1286.1(A),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3On page 1, line 6, after "(G)(11)," delete "and 1373(A)(1)," and insert "1363(B), (D), (G),
and (H), 1373(A)(1), and 1402(C),"AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 23, after "such ballots;" insert "to provide relative to consolidation of polling
places; to provide for the determination of the number of voting machines allocated to
polling places and used in elections; to provide for the proper parties in an action objecting
to candidacy and an action contesting an election;"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 26, after "425(C)(1)," insert "425.1(A),"

AMENDMENT NO. 6On page 2, delete line 28 and insert "and (a)(i), 574(F), 1286.1(A), 1300.7(A), 1307(C) and
(G), 1313(F)(9) and (G)(11), 1363(B), (D), (G), and (H), 1373(A)(1), and 1402(C) are"AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 7, between lines 24 and 25, insert the following:

"§425.1. Consolidation of polling places; reduction of voting machines and election
officials

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 18:424 and 425 or any other
provision of law to the contrary, in an election, including the election of any public
official, where more than one polling place is within the same location, the parish
board of election supervisors may consolidate polling places in that location for that
election and may reduce the number of voting machines to be used in the election
below the number fixed by R.S. 18:1363 and, in such case, shall notify, in
accordance with the time line provided in R.S. 18:1363(H), the parish custodian of
voting machines and the secretary of state of the number of machines to be prepared
and delivered for the polling places so consolidated.

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AMENDMENT NO. 8On page 8, line 21, change "may" to "shall"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 9

2 On page 13, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

3 "§1286.1. Authority to consolidate polling places; ~~reduce~~ reduction of number of
4 voting machines and election officials

5 A. Notwithstanding any provision of R.S. 18:1286(A), when an election
6 called under the provisions of this Chapter is not held at the same time as the election
7 of any public official, in cases where more than one polling place is within the same
8 location the parish board of election supervisors may consolidate polling places in
9 that location for that election and may reduce the number of voting machines to be
10 used in the election below the number fixed by R.S. 18:1363 and, in such case, shall
11 notify, in accordance with the time line provided in R.S. 18:1363(H), the parish
12 custodian of voting machines and the secretary of state of the number of machines
13 to be prepared and delivered for the polling places so consolidated.

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15 AMENDMENT NO. 10

16 On page 15, after line 27, insert the following:

17 "§1363. Number of machines; allocation to precincts; exception; reserve machines

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19 B. The parish board of election supervisors may reduce the number of voting
20 machines to be allocated and used in elections called under the provisions of Chapter
21 6-A or Chapter 6-B of this Code when the election is not held at the same time as the
22 election of any public official. In such case, the parish board of election supervisors
23 shall notify the parish custodian of voting machines and the secretary of state at least
24 ~~three~~ four weeks prior to such election; of the number of machines to be prepared
25 and delivered for the polling places.

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27 D. The parish board of election supervisors may reduce the number of voting
28 machines to be allocated and used in an election called under the provisions of
29 Chapter 6, Part III of this Title; where the only other election on the ballot is for the
30 election of political party committee members. Not less than ~~twenty-one~~ twenty-
31 nine days prior to such an election, the parish board of election supervisors shall
32 notify the parish custodian of voting machines and the secretary of state of the
33 number of voting machines to be prepared and delivered to each polling place.

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35 G. The parish board of election supervisors may submit a written request to
36 the secretary of state, ~~on or before the twenty-third day prior to an election~~, for
37 additional voting machines for overcrowded precincts. The written request shall be
38 submitted on or before the twenty-ninth day prior to the election and shall include
39 the number of additional voting machines requested and an explanation of the need
40 for additional voting machines. If the secretary of state determines that there is a
41 need for additional voting machines and that the provision of additional voting
42 machines is feasible, he may allocate additional voting machines.

43 H. The parish board of election supervisors may submit a written request to
44 the secretary of state, ~~on or before the twenty-third day prior to an election~~, to reduce
45 the number of voting machines to be allocated and used in an election other than an

1 election provided for in Subsection B or D of this Section. The written request shall
2 be submitted on or before the twenty-ninth day prior to a primary election and at
3 least four weeks prior to a general election and shall include the proposed reduced
4 number of voting machines and an explanation of the need for the reduction in the
5 number of voting machines. If the secretary of state determines that the reduction
6 in the number of voting machines is feasible, he may reduce the number of voting
7 machines.

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9 AMENDMENT NO. 11

10 On page 16, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

11 "§1402. Proper parties

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13 C. The secretary of state, in his official capacity, shall be made a party
14 defendant to any action contesting an election for public office, an election
15 submitting a proposition to the voters, or an election for the recall of a public officer.
16 The secretary of state, in his official capacity, shall be made defendant to any action
17 objecting to the calling of a special election. The secretary of state, in his official
18 capacity, shall be made a party defendant to any action contesting the certification
19 of a recall petition. The secretary of state shall have standing to intervene in an
20 action objecting to candidacy in which the secretary of state was not the qualifying
21 official.

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CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.