

ACT No. 201

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HOUSE BILL NO. 160

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY MILLER

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:564(D)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (2)(b) and 1309.3(D)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S. 18:106(C)(2)(d), 564(D)(1)(a)(iv) and (2)(a)(iv), and 1309.3(D)(1)(a)(iv) and (v), relative to voting; to provide relative to eligibility for certain persons to receive assistance in voting on election day and during early voting; to provide procedures and requirements for receiving assistance in voting; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:564(D)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (2)(b) and 1309.3(D)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:106(C)(2)(d), 564(D)(1)(a)(iv) and (2)(a)(iv), and 1309.3(D)(1)(a)(iv) and (v) are enacted to read as follows:

§106. Physical disability; inability to write English; language minority groups; execution of documents; assistance

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(2) For purposes of this Subsection proof of disability means one of the following:

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1 (d) A completed and signed voter registration application attesting that the
2 voter has a physical disability and requires assistance in voting.

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4 §564. Assistance in voting on election day

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6 D.(1)(a) Prior to receiving assistance ~~under~~ pursuant to this Section due to
7 a disability, including visual impairment, the voter shall file with the registrar in
8 person or by mail a statement setting forth the necessity and reasons for this
9 assistance and shall furnish the registrar one of the following:

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11 (iv) A completed and signed voter registration application attesting that the
12 voter has a physical disability and requires assistance in voting.

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14 (2)(a) A voter shall also be entitled to assistance without having filed with
15 the registrar a statement setting forth the necessity and reasons for this assistance if,
16 on election day, the voter presents to the commissioner-in-charge one of the
17 following as proof of disability:

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19 (iv) A completed and signed voter assistance form provided by the secretary
20 of state wherein the voter attests that he has a physical disability and requires
21 assistance in voting.

22 (b) The commissioner-in-charge shall place any physician's certificate,
23 statement setting forth the necessity and reasons for assistance, ~~or~~ copy of proof of
24 disability, or completed and signed voter assistance form presented by a voter in the
25 envelope marked "Registrar of Voters" and attach the envelope to the precinct
26 register.

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28 §1309.3. Assistance in voting during early voting

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1 D.(1)(a) Prior to receiving assistance ~~under~~ pursuant to this Section because
 2 of a disability, including visual impairment, the voter shall file with the registrar in
 3 person or by mail a statement setting forth the necessity and reasons for this
 4 assistance and shall furnish the registrar one of the following:

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6 (iv) A completed and signed voter registration application attesting that the
 7 voter has a physical disability and requires assistance in voting.

8 (v) A completed and signed voter assistance form provided by the secretary
 9 of state wherein the voter attests that he has a physical disability and requires
 10 assistance in voting.

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12 Section 2. This Act shall become effective January 1, 2018.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____