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SENATE BILL NO. 270

BY SENATOR CARTER

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STATE AGENCIES. Expands the powers and duties of the elections compliance unit within the Department of State to inquire and investigate allegations of filing a false public record with an election official. (gov sig)

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 18:49.1(A), relative to the Louisiana Election Code; to provide
3	with respect to powers and duties of the elections compliance unit; to provide with
4	respect to filing a false public record with an election official; and to provide for
5	related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 18:49.1(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
8	§49.1. Elections compliance unit; powers and duties
9	A. An elections compliance unit is created in the Department of State. The
10	purposes of the unit shall be to:
11	(1) Initiate independent inquiries and conduct independent investigations
12	into allegations of election irregularities in any municipality or parish of the state.
13	(2) Initiate independent inquiries and conduct independent
14	investigations into allegations of filing a false public record with an election
15	official.
16	(2)(3) Respond to notifications or complaints alleging election irregularities
17	generated by election officials or any other person.

1 (3)(4) Review notices and reports of election irregularities and conduct
2 investigations of any incidents that it determines require further investigation.
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4 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
5 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
6 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
7 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
8 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

DIGEST

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<u>Present law</u> provides the elections compliance unit with certain powers and duties regarding election irregularities in any municipality or parish of the state.

<u>Proposed law</u> expands those powers and duties and provides that the elections compliance unit is required to initiate independent inquiries and conduct independent investigations into allegations of filing a false public record with an election official.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 18:49.1(A))