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Abstract: Requires the registrar to provide copies of written requests for records.

Present law (R.S. 18:154) provides that the records of each registrar are public records and at all times during office hours shall be open to inspection, except the early voting confirmation sheets of voters.

Present law requires the registrar to allow his records to be copied only when 25 or more qualified voters make a request in writing. Provides that if such copying would seriously interfere with the registration of voters or the performance of his duties, the registrar shall cause his employees to make copies of the requested records or print the information electronically, if the electronic copy contains the same information, and deliver them to the voters or request the secretary of state to reproduce such records which may then be forwarded to the registrar for delivery to the voters. Provides that copying by the registrar or his employees or the secretary of state or printing an electronic copy shall be done in the presence of a representative of the requesting voters, if they so request.

Proposed law retains present law. Additionally, requires the registrar to endorse each request made pursuant to present law with the day and hour of receipt to provide a copy of the endorsed written request to the person submitting the request.

(Amends R.S. 18:154(B))