

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 265

BY REPRESENTATIVES SMITH, BAGNERIS, BOUIE, BRASS, CARPENTER, GARY CARTER, COX, DUPLESSIS, FRANKLIN, GAINES, GLOVER, HALL, JIMMY HARRIS, HUNTER, JACKSON, JAMES, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, JORDAN, TERRY LANDRY, LYONS, MARCELLE, DUSTIN MILLER, NORTON, AND PIERRE AND SENATORS BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, COLOMB, MORRELL, PETERSON, PRICE, AND TARVER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:102(A)(1), 104(C), and 177(A)(1), relative to registration and
3 voting; to provide relative to registration and voting by a person convicted of a
4 felony; to provide relative to suspension of registration and voting rights of such a
5 person; to provide relative to procedures and requirements for voter registration and
6 voting; to provide relative to reinstatement of voter registration; and to provide for
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 18:102(A)(1), 104(C), and 177(A)(1) are hereby amended and
10 reenacted to read as follows:

11 §102. Ineligible persons

12 A. No person shall be permitted to register or vote who is:

13 (1)(a) Under an order of imprisonment, as defined in R.S. 18:2(8), for
14 conviction of a felony; ~~or, except as provided in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph.~~

15 (b) Except as provided in Subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph, a person who
16 is under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony and who has not been
17 incarcerated pursuant to the order within the last five years shall not be ineligible to
18 register or vote based on the order if the person submits documentation to the
19 registrar of voters from the appropriate correction official showing that the person
20 has not been incarcerated pursuant to the order within the last five years.

1 documentation from the appropriate correction official showing that such person is
 2 no longer under an order of imprisonment or, if the person is under such an order,
 3 that the person has not been incarcerated pursuant to the order within the last five
 4 years and the person is not under an order of imprisonment related to a felony
 5 conviction pursuant to election fraud or any other election offense pursuant to R.S.
 6 18:1461.2.

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8 Section 2. Prior to the effective date of this Act, the secretary of state shall work
 9 with the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to develop a form or forms to allow
 10 a person who is or was under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony to meet
 11 the requirements of R.S. 18:102(A)(1) and 177(A) as amended by this Act.

12 Section 3. This Act shall become effective on March 1, 2019.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR

APPROVED: _____