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

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<u>Present law</u> provides, prior to the collection of signatures, submission of a copy of the proposed petition to the secretary of state. Further provides for the secretary of state to endorse the fact and the date of filing. Provides that the petition is deemed filed as of the date of endorsement. Requires the secretary of state to notify the chairperson within 10 business days, by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the date of endorsement and prohibits the collection of signatures until the receipt of the notice of endorsement.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the secretary of state to immediately transmit a copy of the petition, by mail or electronically, to the registrar of voters for each parish in which the proposed incorporated area is situated. Requires the registrar of voters, within 10 business days of the date of endorsement, to transmit to the chairperson and the secretary of state, by mail or electronically, a notice of the number of electors residing within the area proposed for incorporation as of the date the notice is sent to the chairperson and the secretary of state.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but changes the way a petition is considered filed <u>from</u> being deemed filed as of the date of endorsement <u>to</u> considered filed when it is received in the office of the secretary of state, or at the time it is postmarked by the United States Postal Service or is receipted on a return receipt request form if it is subsequently received in the office of the secretary of state.

<u>Proposed law provides</u> for the secretary of state to notify the chairperson of the filing date within 10 business days, by hand delivery or certified mail, return receipt requested and prohibits the collection of signatures until the receipt of the notice of the filing date.

<u>Proposed law retains present law</u> but requires the registrar of voters, within 10 business days of the date of receipt of the incorporation petition, to transmit to the chairperson and the secretary of state, by mail or electronically, a notice of the number of electors residing within the area proposed for incorporation as of the date the notice is sent to the chairperson and the secretary of state.

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

(Amends R.S. 33:1(B)(1)(a) and (b))

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