

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 52

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS: Provides relative to the filing of oaths and bonds by registrars of voters

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:54, relative to registrars of voters; to provide relative to oaths  
3 and bonds filed by registrars; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 18:54 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §54. Qualification; date; duplicate oath; bond; approval of bond

7 Within thirty days after the date of his commission, each registrar shall  
8 qualify for office by subscribing to the oath of office prescribed by the constitution.

9 The oath shall be filed with the clerk of court<sub>2</sub> and a duplicate original or a certified  
10 copy thereof shall be filed with the secretary of state ~~and with the state treasurer~~. In  
11 a parish containing a municipality with a population of three hundred thousand or  
12 more, the oath shall be filed with the clerk of the civil district court. Each registrar  
13 also shall file with the ~~state treasurer~~ secretary of state a bond, in favor of the  
14 governor and with security, for the faithful performance of the duties required of him  
15 and for the payment of such damages as may be sustained by his failure to discharge  
16 his duties. The sureties on the bond shall be with a company authorized to do  
17 business in Louisiana, and in each parish the bond shall be in the amount of five  
18 thousand dollars.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Removes requirement that registrars of voters file oaths of office with the treasurer; requires registrars of voters to file the required bonds with the secretary of state rather than the state treasurer.

Present law requires parish governing authorities to appoint a registrar of voters who is responsible for the registration of voters in the parish.

Present law requires registrars of voters to file oaths of office with the clerk of court, the secretary of state, and the state treasurer. Proposed law removes requirement that such oaths be filed with the treasurer.

Present law requires registrars of voters to file a bond for the faithful performance of duties with the state treasurer. Proposed law requires registrars to file this bond with the secretary of state.

(Amends R.S. 18:54)