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Bernard

Present law provides that the clerk of court, in the presence of a majority of the parish board of election supervisors, will reopen any voting machine for reinspection by a candidate or his representative at 10:00 a.m. on the fifth day after the election and at any time ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction after receipt of a written request for reinspection by the candidate or at 10:00 a.m. on the next working day if the fifth day after the election falls on a holiday or weekend.

Proposed law provides that the clerk of court, in the presence of a majority of the parish board of election supervisors, will reopen any voting machine for reinspection by a candidate or his representative at a time set by the secretary of state, in conjunction with the registrar of voters and the clerk of court on the fifth day after the election and at any time ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction after receipt of a written request for reinspection by the candidate or on the next working day at a time set by secretary of state, in conjunction with the registrar of voters and the clerk of court.

Present law provides that the deadline for filing a written request for reinspection with the clerk of court will be the last working day prior to the date of the reinspection.

Proposed law provides that the deadline for filing a written request for reinspection with the clerk of court will be 4:30 p.m. on the third calendar day after the election.

Present law provides that all recounts of absentee by mail and early voting ballots will be held at 10:00 a.m. or following the reinspection of voting machines on the fifth day after the election and at any time ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or at 10:00 a.m. on the next working day if the fifth day after the election falls on a holiday or weekend.

Proposed law provides that all recounts of absentee by mail and early voting ballots will be held on the fifth day after the election at a time set by the secretary of state, in conjunction with the registrar of voters and the clerk of court, or following the reinspection of voting machines on the fifth day after the election and at any time ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or at a time set by the secretary of state, in conjunction with the registrar of voters and the clerk of court on the next working day if the fifth day after the election falls on a holiday or weekend.

Present law provides that the deadline for filing a written request with the clerk of court for a recount of absentee by mail and early voting ballots will be 4:30 p.m. on the last working day prior to the date of the recount.

Proposed law provides that the deadline for filing a written request with the clerk of court for a recount of absentee by mail an early voting ballots will be 4:30 p.m. on the third calendar day after

the election.

Present law provides that a candidate or his representative, in the presence of a majority of the parish board of election supervisors, will be allowed to inspect the flaps removed from valid absentee by mail ballots and the flaps removed from the valid early voting ballots when paper ballots are used for early voting at 10:00 a.m. or following the recount of absentee by mail and early voting ballots on the fifth day after the election and at any time ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or at 10:00 a.m. on the next working day if the fifth day after the election falls on a holiday or weekend.

Proposed law provides that a candidate or his representative, in the presence of a majority of the parish board of election supervisors, will be allowed to inspect the flaps removed from valid absentee by mail ballots and the flaps removed from the valid early voting ballots when paper ballots are used for early voting at a time set by the secretary of state, in conjunction with the registrar of voters and the clerk of court, or following the recount of absentee by mail and early voting ballots on the fifth day after the election and at any time ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or at a time set by the secretary of state, in conjunction with the registrar of voters and the clerk of court on the next working day if the fifth day after the election falls on a holiday or weekend.

Present law provides that the deadline for filing a written request with the clerk of court for inspection of the flaps removed from the valid absentee by mail ballots and the flaps removed from the valid early voting ballots when paper ballots are used for early voting will be the last working day prior to the date of the inspection.

Proposed law provides that the deadline for filing a written request with the clerk of court for inspection of the flaps removed from the valid absentee by mail ballots and the flaps removed from the valid early voting ballots when paper ballots are used for early voting will be 4:30 p.m. on the third calendar day after the election.

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

(Amends R.S. 18:573(A)(3) and 1313(J)(2)(b) and (3))