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2021 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 63

BY SENATOR ROBERT MILLS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

VOTERS/VOTING. Requires certain absentee ballots to be delivered to an employee of the registrar of voters. (gov sig)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1308(B), relative to hand delivery of absentee ballots; to provide for receipt requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:1308(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1308. Absentee voting by mail

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B. The ballot shall be marked as provided in R.S. 18:1310 and returned to the registrar by the United States Postal Service, a commercial courier, or hand delivery **to an employee of the registrar at the registrar's principal office, branch office, or mobile registration unit**. If delivered by other than the voter, a commercial courier, or the United States Postal Service, the registrar shall require that the person making such delivery sign a statement, prepared by the secretary of state, certifying that he has the authorization and consent of the voter to hand deliver the marked ballot. For purposes of this Subsection, "commercial courier" shall have the same meaning as provided in R.S. 13:3204(D). No person except the immediate family of the voter, as defined in this Code, shall hand deliver more than one marked ballot to

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the registrar. Upon its receipt, the registrar shall post the name and precinct of the voter as required by R.S. 18:1311.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

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

DIGEST

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Present law requires an absentee by mail ballot to be marked as provided in present law and returned to the registrar by the United States Postal Service, a commercial courier, or hand-delivery.

Proposed law retains the delivery methods in present law and requires a hand-delivered absentee by mail ballot be returned to an employee of the registrar at the registrar's principal office, branch office, or mobile registration unit.

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

(Amends R.S. 18:1308(B))

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