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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides criteria for removing deceased persons from voter registration rolls

Present law requires a registrar of voters to remove from the voter registration rolls the name of a deceased upon receipt of a certified copy of a death certificate. Proposed law retains present law and requires such removal to be within three days of receipt of such death certificate.

Present law requires the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to send a report each month to the Dept. of State regarding persons in each parish in the state who died in the preceding month. Further requires the Dept. of State to cancel the registration of any deceased person when the information provided by the LDH corresponds exactly to voter information.

Proposed law changes present law to require that the Dept. of State cancels such registration within three business days if the information provided by the LDH corresponds with at least three pieces of identifying information as provided on the decedent's voter registration.

Present law authorizes a registrar of voters to cancel registrations based on obituaries. Proposed law requires the registrar to do so.

Present law requires the Dept. of State to send information from the LDH to the registrars of voters pertaining to deceased persons whose registrations were not cancelled. Proposed law requires registrars to search for obituaries for such persons.

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

(Amends R.S. 18:173)