
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides a longer period of time for a parish to prepare and verify absentee by mail and early voting ballots before election day

Present law provides that parishes with 1,000 or more absentee by mail ballots returned to the registrar of voters for a primary or general election may conduct the preparation and verification process for the tabulation and counting of absentee by mail and early voting ballots the day before the election and conduct the tabulation and counting of absentee by mail and early voting ballots on election day.

Proposed law allows any parish, with written approval of the secretary of state, to conduct the preparation and verification of absentee by mail and early voting ballots beginning four days before the election day. Also allows the preparation and verification of challenged ballots four days before the election.

Present law (R.S. 18:1313.2) provides relative to elections impaired as the result of a declared disaster or emergency and allows the preparation and verification process to begin four days before election day. Provides that present law shall be void and of no effect on Aug. 1, 2021.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 18:423(J), 1313.1(A), (B), (C)(1), (E), and (G)(intro. para.), (6), and (7), and 1315(B); Repeals R.S. 18:1313.2)