

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2021 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 220 by Senator Cloud

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "To" and before "enact" insert "amend and reenact R.S. 18:158, 403,  
3 1311(D)(4)(b), and 1312(D) and to"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, between lines 7 and 8 insert the following:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:158, 403, 1311(D)(4)(b), and 1312(D) are hereby amended and  
7 reenacted to read as follows:

8 "§158. Retention of absentee by mail and early voting ballots and records; retention  
9 of registration records for federal elections

10 A. The registrar of voters in each parish shall keep and maintain all records  
11 relating to absentee by mail and early voting ~~as provided in Chapter 7 of this Title~~  
12 **for a period of at least two years from the date of the election.**

13 B. The registrar of voters in each parish shall keep and maintain for a period  
14 of ~~twenty-two months~~ **at least two years** from the date of the election all  
15 applications for registration and registration records received for purposes of voting  
16 in an election involving the office of President of the United States, Vice President  
17 of the United States, presidential elector, United States Senator, or United States  
18 Representative.

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20 §403. Election records and papers; preservation; public record

21 A. ~~Except as otherwise provided by law, every~~ **Each** election official shall  
22 retain and preserve, for at least ~~six months~~ **two years** after the date of a primary or  
23 general election, all records and papers which come into his possession relating to  
24 the qualifying of candidates, the selection of commissioners, alternate  
25 commissioners, and watchers, ~~and~~ the conduct or results of a primary or general  
26 election, **and any application, registration, or other act requisite to voting in an**  
27 **election.** These records and papers shall be public records open to inspection by  
28 anyone.

29 B. ~~In an election involving the office of the president of the United States,~~  
30 ~~vice president of the United States, presidential elector, United States senator, or~~  
31 ~~United States representative, all records and papers which come into the possession~~  
32 ~~of an election official relating to any application, registration, or other act requisite~~  
33 ~~to voting in such election shall be kept and maintained for a period of twenty-two~~  
34 ~~months from the date of the election.~~

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36 §1311. List of absentee by mail and early voters; posting; delivery of alphabetized  
37 list to precincts; supplements; absentee by mail voter report

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39 D. \* \* \*

40 (4) \* \* \*

41 (b) If the voter has voted in person at the precinct, the registrar shall write  
42 across the ballot the words "rejected, voted at precinct" and shall include such ballot  
43 with all other mail ballots received on or after election day, to be kept unopened for  
44 ~~six months, and destroyed~~ **at least two years from the date of the election.**

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46 §1312. Retention of ballots at registrar's office

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