

2021 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 219

BY SENATOR CLOUD

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

VOTERS/VOTING. Provides relative to voter rolls. (6/1/22)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:174, relative to voter records; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for definitions; to provide for canvassing of registrants; to provide for address changes and corrections; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:174 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**§174. Publicly owned utility**

**A. The chief administrative officer of each publicly owned utility in the state may send to the Department of State in a manner specified by the department a report, certified as correct over his signature or the signature of his authorized representative, containing the name, date of birth, mother's maiden name, address, telephone number, Louisiana driver's license or special identification card issued pursuant to R.S. 40:1321 number, service connection date, and service disconnection date, if available, of all residential customers in the area served by the utility on no less than a quarterly basis. The report shall also contain the last four digits of the social security number of all residential customers in the area served by the utility, if available.**



the voter's address as it appears on his voter registration during the verification process, the registrar of voters shall send the voter an address confirmation card as provided in present law.

Effective June 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 18:174)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Makes annual canvass of utility records permissive.
2. Removes provisions making failure to conduct the canvass willful misconduct.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Allows each publicly owned utility to report residential customer information to the Department of State.
2. Specifies the customer information required in the report.
3. Defines publicly owned utility.
4. Establishes when a parish registrar of voters may utilize the report to verify names and addresses of registered voters in all precincts served by the utility.
5. Requires the registrar of voters to send the voter an address verification card if the utility report contains an address inside the parish that is different from the voter's address as it appears on his voter registration.