
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2021 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to Original House Bill No. 653 by Representative Ivey

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, change "R.S. 18:21(C)(3)," to "R.S. 18:18(A)(7), 21(C)(3),"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 14, change "R.S. 18:21(C)(3)," to "R.S. 18:18(A)(7), 21(C)(3),"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 3

6 On page 1, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

7 "§18. Secretary of state; powers and duties

8 A. The secretary of state shall administer the laws relating to custody of
9 voting machines and voter registration, and for this purpose he shall:

10 * * *

11 (7) Prescribe uniform rules, regulations, forms, and instructions as to the use
12 of ~~electronic~~ voting machines, as defined by R.S. 18:1351, in the conduct of early
13 voting, which shall be approved by the attorney general and thereafter shall be
14 applied uniformly by each registrar of voters in the state.

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16 AMENDMENT NO. 4

17 On page 2, line 15, after "procedure" insert "that affects the manner in which a voter casts
18 a vote or the manner in which votes are tabulated"

19 AMENDMENT NO. 5

20 On page 3, line 15, after "propositions" delete the remainder of the line and insert "on the
21 voting machine or paper ballot as certified by the secretary of state."

22 AMENDMENT NO. 6

23 On page 3, line 19, delete "operated" and insert "voted"

24 AMENDMENT NO. 7

25 On page 3, line 20, after "tabulator, or" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 21
26 and 22, and insert "protective device which shall incrementally record and indicate each time
27 votes have been cast on a machine during an election."

28 AMENDMENT NO. 8

29 On page 3, between lines 24 and 25, insert the following:

30 "(8) "Vote-capture device" means a component of the voting system,
31 including hardware, software, and firmware, that captures and counts voter selections
32 on ballot on a voting machine or on a paper ballot."

1 AMENDMENT NO. 9

2 On page 3, at the beginning of line 25, change "(8)" to "(9)"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 10

4 On page 3, between lines 26 and 27, insert the following:

5 "(10) "Voter-verified paper record" means a paper document that the voter
6 can review and verify before officially casting his ballot."

7 AMENDMENT NO. 11

8 On page 3, line 27, change "(9)" to "(11)"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 12

10 On page 3, line 27, after "means the" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 28 and
11 insert "enclosure occupied by the voter when"

12 AMENDMENT NO. 13

13 On page 4, line 1, change "device" to "vote-capture device"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 14

15 On page 4, line 3, change "(10)" to "(12)"

16 AMENDMENT NO. 15

17 On page 4, delete lines 4 through 11 and insert the following:

18 "materials, and documentation, including voting machines, voter-verified paper
19 records, paper ballots, hardware, software, and firmware, used to define ballots,
20 elections and ballot styles, configure voting equipment, identify and validate voting
21 equipment configurations, perform logic and accuracy tests, activate ballots for
22 voters, cast and count votes, report or display election results, and maintain and
23 produce any auditable data and the software, firmware, hardware, and documentation
24 required to program, control, and support such equipment. "Voting system" also
25 includes the vendor's practices and documentation used to identify system
26 components and versions of such components, test the system during its development
27 and maintenance, maintain records of system errors and defects, determine specific
28 system changes made after initial certification, and make available any materials to
29 the voter generate reports, export election data, including election results, archive
30 election data, and produce records in support of audits."

31 AMENDMENT NO. 16

32 On page 4, line 13, after "equipment," insert "early voting,"

33 AMENDMENT NO. 17

34 On page 4, line 16, after "by mail, insert "for early voting as provided in this Title,"

35 AMENDMENT NO. 18

36 On page 5, delete line 9, and insert the following:

1 "(b) Requirements that the voting machines shall not have the capability of
2 being"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 19

4 On page 5, delete lines 11 and 12 and insert the following:

5 "(c) Requirements that the equipment used to program the ballots on the
6 voting machines shall not have the capability of being connected to the internet."

7 AMENDMENT NO. 20

8 On page 5, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

9 "(e) Requirement that software or firmware updates shall be loaded onto
10 voting machines using a non-network connection.

11 "(f) Requirement that access to physical ports on any voting machine shall be
12 restricted and sealed during an election, with the exception of ports used to activate
13 the voting machine for each voter's voting session."

14 AMENDMENT NO. 21

15 On page 6, line 21, after "exceed" delete the remainder of the line and insert "five thousand"

16 AMENDMENT NO. 22

17 On page 7, at the beginning of the line 1, after "A." insert "(1)"

18 AMENDMENT NO. 23

19 On page 7, delete lines 13 through 18 and insert the following:

20 "(2) Notwithstanding ~~any provision of law to the contrary, particularly the~~
21 provisions of Chapter 17 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 ~~the~~
22 provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection and the Louisiana Procurement Code,
23 the secretary of state is authorized to procure directly from the supplier, through the
24 Department of State, voting ~~systems or system components~~; parts, supplies, and other
25 election paraphernalia and to contract with the manufacturer through the Department
26 of State for the maintenance of the voting systems or system components."