

ACT No. 22

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 285

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:563(C)(1) and 1309(E)(4)(a), relative to voting; to provide
3 for the amount of time a voter may remain in a voting machine; to provide for an
4 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:563(C)(1) and 1309(E)(4)(a) are hereby amended and reenacted
7 to read as follows:

8 §563. Procedure for voting

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10 C.(1)(a) A voter shall not remain in a voting machine longer than ~~three~~ six
11 minutes. If a voter fails to leave a voting machine promptly after a commissioner
12 has notified him that ~~three~~ six minutes have elapsed, the commissioners shall order
13 the voter to complete voting and leave the voting machine.

14 (b) Notwithstanding Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, if the ballot is
15 lengthy or if it contains complex propositions or constitutional amendments, the
16 commissioners may allocate additional time in an equitable manner.

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18 §1309. Early voting; verification

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20 E.

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1 (4)(a)(i) A voter shall not remain in a voting machine longer than ~~three~~ six
2 minutes. If a voter fails to leave a voting machine promptly after the registrar or
3 deputy registrar has notified him that ~~three~~ six minutes have elapsed, the registrar or
4 deputy registrar shall have the voter removed from the voting machine.

5 (ii) Notwithstanding Item (i) of this Subparagraph, if the ballot is lengthy or
6 if it contains complex propositions or constitutional amendments, the registrar or
7 deputy registrar may allocate additional time in an equitable manner.

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9 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2022.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____