



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

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1308(B), relative to hand delivery of absentee ballots; to  
3 provide for receipt requirements; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 18:1308(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §1308. Absentee voting by mail

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8 B. The ballot shall be marked as provided in R.S. 18:1310 and returned to the  
9 registrar by the United States Postal Service, a commercial courier, or hand delivery.

10 **If hand delivered, the ballot shall be delivered to the registrar or to an employee**

11 **of the registrar at the registrar's principal office, branch office, or early voting**

12 **location during the period for conducting early voting.** If delivered by other than  
13 the voter, a commercial courier, or the United States Postal Service, the registrar

14 shall require that the person making such delivery sign a statement, prepared by the  
15 secretary of state, certifying that he has the authorization and consent of the voter to

16 hand deliver the marked ballot. For purposes of this Subsection, "commercial  
17 courier" shall have the same meaning as provided in R.S. 13:3204(D). No person

18 except the immediate family of the voter, as defined in this Code, shall hand deliver  
19 more than one marked ballot to the registrar. Upon its receipt, the registrar shall post  
20 the name and precinct of the voter as required by R.S. 18:1311.

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22 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
23 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
3 effective on the day following such approval.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

**VETO MESSAGE**

"Please be advised that I have vetoed Senate Bill 63 of the 2021 Regular Session.

This bill is intended to provide clarity on where an absentee ballot may be returned if hand-delivered. However, as finally passed, it is now unclear as to whether hand-delivery can only take place during the period for conducting early voting or whether hand-delivery can take place at an early voting location if it is during the time period for conducting early voting. Access to voting is too important for this uncertainty and so I have vetoed this bill."