RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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<u>Existing law</u> provides for the time a voter may remain in a voting machine during early voting and on election day.

<u>Prior law</u> generally provided that a voter would not remain in a voting machine longer than three minutes.

<u>New law</u> provides instead that a voter shall not remain in a voting machine for longer than six minutes. <u>New law</u> further provides that if the ballot is lengthy or if it contains complex propositions or constitutional amendments, the appropriate election officials may allocate additional time in an equitable manner.

<u>Existing law</u> specifically allows a voter receiving assistance in voting or a voter using the audio ballot to remain in a voting machine for up to 20 minutes.

Effective January 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 18:563(C)(1) and 1309(E)(4)(a))