

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

SB 63

2021 Regular Session

Robert Mills

Present law requires an absentee by mail ballot to be marked as provided in present law and returned to the registrar by the United States Postal Service, a commercial courier, or hand-delivery.

Proposed law would retain the delivery methods in present law and require a hand-delivered absentee by mail ballot to be returned to the registrar or an employee of the registrar at the registrar's principal office, branch office, or early voting location during the period for early voting.

Would have become effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Proposed to amend R.S. 18:1308(B))

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."