

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 352

BY REPRESENTATIVE LANDRY

VOTERS/VOTING: Provides relative to prepaid postage on absentee ballots

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1308(A)(2)(g), relative to voting by mail; to provide relative
3 to the distribution and return of vote by mail ballots; to provide for an effective date;
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:1308(A)(2)(g) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:

8 §1308. Absentee voting by mail

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13 (g) For mailed ballots, the envelope mailed to the voter shall contain ballot
14 envelopes and a postage paid return envelope. The return envelope shall bear the
15 official title and mailing address of the registrar and the name, return address, and
16 precinct or district number of the voter. The voter shall return his voted primary
17 election ballot and special ballot for the general election to the registrar in the
18 appropriate envelope. The registrar of voters shall mail a regular general election
19 absentee ballot to a member of the United States Service or to persons residing
20 overseas only if the regular general election absentee ballot includes one or more

1 elections that were not included on the special ballot sent, as provided ~~herein~~ by this
2 Section, to such voter. The envelope for the special ballot shall contain language on
3 the outside of the envelope that clearly designates which envelope is to be used for
4 return of the general election ballot.

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6 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
7 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
8 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
9 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
10 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for paid postage on absentee voting ballots.

Present law provides that a mailed ballot shall be sent to a voter in an envelope containing a ballot envelope and a return envelope. Proposed law retains present law and requires that a postage paid return envelope shall be provided to the voter.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 18:1308(A)(2)(g))