

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 362

BY REPRESENTATIVE PRESSLY

ELECTIONS: Provides relative to petitions submitted to registrars of voters

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:3(A)(1), relative to elections; to provide for names on  
3 petitions submitted to a registrar of voters; to provide for an effective date: and to  
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:3(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §3. Petitions submitted to registrars of voters

8 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, every petition  
9 submitted to a registrar of voters for certification shall contain the following  
10 information:

11 (1) The handwritten signature of the voter who is signing the petition;  
12 however, if a person is unable to write, the ~~incapacitated~~ person shall affix his mark  
13 to the petition and the person circulating the petition shall affix the name of the  
14 ~~incapacitated~~ person who is unable to write ~~provided he does so~~ in the presence of  
15 two witnesses who shall also sign their names as witnesses to the mark.

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17 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
18 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
19 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
2 effective on the day following such approval.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for names of persons on a petition submitted to a registrar of voters.

Present law provides that every petition submitted to a registrar of voters for certification shall contain the handwritten signature of the voter who is signing the petition; however, if a person is unable to write, the incapacitated person shall affix his mark to the petition and the person circulating the petition shall affix the name of the incapacitated person in the presence of two witnesses who shall also sign their names as witnesses to the mark.

Proposed law removes description of the person who is unable to write as incapacitated.

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

(Amends R.S. 18:3(A)(1))