

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 552

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

VOTING/REGISTRATION: Provides relative to personal identification for electronic voter registration

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:103(A) and 115.1(A) and (C)(2) and (4)(a), relative to
3 electronic voter registration; to provide for accepted means of identification for such
4 registration; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:103(A) and 115.1(A) and (C)(2) and (4)(a) are hereby amended
7 and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §103. Personal appearance of applicant required; exceptions

9 A. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, any person who meets
10 the qualifications for voter registration and desires to register as an elector shall
11 apply to do so by making application in person to a registrar or deputy registrar of
12 the parish in which he seeks to register, by submission of the federal postcard
13 application form as authorized in this Code, by application through the Department
14 of Public Safety and Corrections, by application through designated voter
15 registration agencies, electronically on the secretary of state's website if the person
16 has a valid Louisiana ~~driver's license~~ REAL ID issued pursuant to R.S. 40:1321(P)
17 or Louisiana special identification card issued pursuant to R.S. ~~40:1321~~ 40:1321(A),
18 or by mail using the national mail voter registration form as promulgated by the
19 United States Election Assistance Commission, the state mail voter registration form,
20 or a computer-generated form thereof containing the same requests for information

1 as prescribed by R.S. 18:104 or as contained on the national mail voter registration
2 form.

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4 §115.1. Electronic registration

5 A. A person who has a valid Louisiana ~~driver's license~~ REAL ID issued
6 pursuant to R.S. 40:1321(P) or Louisiana special identification card issued pursuant
7 to R.S. ~~40:1321~~ 40:1321(A) may apply to register to vote or make changes to his
8 existing registration by completing and submitting an electronic voter registration
9 application on the secretary of state's website.

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11 C.

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13 (2) The applicant shall assent to the use of his Louisiana ~~driver's license~~
14 REAL ID or Louisiana special identification card signature for voter registration
15 purposes.

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17 (4)(a) Immediately upon submission of the application, the information
18 submitted by the applicant shall be checked to ensure that the Louisiana ~~driver's~~
19 ~~license~~ REAL ID number or Louisiana special identification card number submitted
20 by the applicant matches the information maintained by the Department of Public
21 Safety and Corrections.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to electronic voter registration.

Present law provides for electronic voter registration on the secretary of state's website. Requires that a person have an La. driver's license or special identification card to register electronically.

Present law provides that the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, shall issue an identification card that is compliant with federal law known as the REAL ID Act. Requires that a person meet requirements of the U.S. Dept of Homeland Security to receive a REAL ID.

Proposed law requires that a person have a REAL ID, rather than a driver's license, in order to register to vote electronically. Otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 18:103(A) and 115.1(A) and (C)(2) and (4)(a))