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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for notification of polling place changes.

Present law provides that if any polling place is determined by the clerk of court in conjunction with the secretary of state to be destroyed, inaccessible, or unsafe due to an emergency or common disaster occurring before or during a regularly scheduled or special election, such election officials may relocate any such polling place. Present law provides that when such polling place is relocated, the clerk of court in conjunction with the secretary of state shall give adequate notice of the change of the location to each voter registered to vote at that polling place.

Proposed law retains present law and requires notice be provided to affected voters via electronic mail and an automated message by telephone or other electronic means such as text message.

Present law provides that where more than one polling place is within the same location, the parish board of election supervisors may consolidate polling places in that location for that election.

Proposed law retains present law and requires notice of such consolidation be provided to affected voters via electronic mail and an automated message by telephone or other electronic means such as text message.

Present law provides that once a polling place is established, it may only be changed by a vote of the parish governing authority.

Proposed law retains present law and requires notice of such change be provided to affected voters via electronic mail and an automated message by telephone or other electronic means such as text message. Also provides that changes of polling place locations shall be published on websites maintained by parish election officials and the secretary of state.

(Amends R.S. 18:535 and 536; Adds R.S. 18:401.2(B)(5) and 425.1(C))