The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by LG Sullivan.

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Present law provides that certain persons entitled to vote by absentee mail including anyone who has attained the age of 65 and certain employees of the secretary of state and of registrars.

Proposed law retains present law and allows any voter living over 25 miles by roadway from the closest early voting location in his parish to the list of those who may vote absentee by mail.

Present law requires the registrar of voters to meet certain requirements during early voting including certain hours of operation at the registrar's office. Allows the registrar to designate branch offices as early voting locations. Provides for the registrar to provide alternative locations for early voting under certain conditions.

Proposed law retains present law and requires each parish, in addition to the registrar's office, to have at least one other voting location.

Proposed law further provides that at least one location for early voting shall be provided in each municipality with a population of 10,000 or more voters, as recorded by the close of registration in the most recent statewide election cycle, with an additional site provided for each multiple of 10,000 voters in the municipality.

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

(Amends R.S. 18:1309(A)(2) and (B)(1); adds R.S. 18:1303(M))