

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1065 (Substitute for House Bill No. 680 by Representative Newell)

BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL

ELECTIONS/POLLING PLACES: Provides relative to notice of changes to polling places

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:535(B) and to enact R.S. 18:536(C), relative to polling places
3 locations; to provide for notice of location and changes to polling locations; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:535(B) is hereby by amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:536(C)
7 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §535. Notice of location of precincts and polling places

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10 B. Before primary elections. The parish board of election supervisors shall
11 publish the location of the polling places in the parish at least once before each
12 primary election. The publication shall be in the official journal of the parish during
13 the third week before the primary election. The locations shall be published on the
14 website of the secretary of state and may be published on websites maintained by
15 parish election officials, including the registrar of voters and clerk of court. Each
16 website shall also include instructions on how a voter may sign up to receive
17 electronic notifications of polling place location changes.

18 §536. Notice of change of location of polling place

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1 C. The governing authority shall inform the secretary of state of all polling
2 place location changes. The secretary of state shall list polling place location
3 changes on his website and the parish election officials, including the registrar of
4 voters and clerk of court, may publish polling place location changes on their
5 website. Each website shall also include instructions on how a voter may sign up to
6 receive electronic notifications of polling place location changes.
7 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on October 15, 2022.

DIGEST

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HB 1065 Original

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Abstract: Provides for notification of polling place locations and changes to locations.

Present law provides that the parish board of election supervisors shall publish the location of the polling places in the parish at least once before each primary election. Further provides that the publication shall be in the official journal of the parish during the third week before the primary election.

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 provides that the locations and changes to locations shall be published on the website of the secretary of state and may be published on websites maintained by parish election officials. Also provides that each website shall include instructions on how a voter may sign up to receive electronic notifications of polling place location changes.

Effective October 15, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 18:535(B); Adds R.S. 18:536(C))