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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2022 Regular Session

Substitute for Original House Bill No. 559 by Representative Edmonds as proposed by the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

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To enact R.S. 18:1317, relative to absentee by mail ballots; to provide for administrative rules for curing and rejection of deficient ballots; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:1317 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1317. Curing absentee by mail ballot deficiencies; rejection of deficient ballots

The secretary of state shall promulgate and adopt rules as necessary to effectuate uniform and standardized processes for the review and curing or rejection of deficient absentee by mail ballots by the parish board of election supervisors.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides for curing absentee by mail ballot deficiencies.

Present law provides that when a voter receives absentee voting materials by mail, he first shall fill in all blanks on the certificate on the ballot envelope flap. The voter then shall mark the ballot according to the printed instructions. Then the voter shall place the voted ballot in the envelope, seal the envelope, and sign the certificate on the ballot envelope flap.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the secretary of state shall promulgate rules to effectuate a process for the curing and rejection of deficient absentee by mail ballots.

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

(Adds R.S. 18:1317)