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HB 357 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to changing polling places in the time period leading up to an election.

Present law generally requires a vote of the parish governing authority to change the location of an established polling place.

Present law prohibits changing the location of a polling place from the date the qualifying period opens until the general election unless the polling place becomes unavailable due to an emergency caused by an act of God or when privately owned property being used as a polling place becomes unavailable through no fault of the governing authority. If a polling place becomes unavailable during the specified period for one of the specified reasons and there will not be a regularly scheduled meeting of the parish governing authority prior to the election, present law authorizes the parish president to change the location of the polling place. Requires the parish president to submit written notice of the change to the secretary of state.

Proposed law retains present law except to remove the stipulation that the president's authority to change the location of the polling place is contingent on there being no regularly scheduled meeting of the parish governing authority prior to the election.

(Amends R.S. 18:534(B)(2)(a) and (c))