

SENATE BILL NO. 144

BY SENATOR ROBERT MILLS AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, GAROFALO,
HODGES AND SEABAUGH

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1308(B), relative to elections; to provide for hand delivery
3 of absentee by mail ballots; to provide for the manner, location, and time periods for
4 receiving hand delivered ballots; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:1308(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1308. Absentee voting by mail

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9 B.(1) The ballot shall be marked as provided in R.S. 18:1310 and returned to
10 the registrar by the United States Postal Service, a commercial courier, or hand
11 delivery. If delivered by other than the voter, a commercial courier, or the United
12 States Postal Service, the registrar shall require that the person making such delivery
13 sign a statement, prepared by the secretary of state, certifying that he has the
14 authorization and consent of the voter to hand deliver the marked ballot. For
15 purposes of this Subsection, "commercial courier" shall have the same meaning as
16 provided in R.S. 13:3204(D). No person except the immediate family of the voter,
17 as defined in this Code, shall hand deliver more than one marked ballot per election
18 to the registrar. Upon its receipt, the registrar shall post the name and precinct of the
19 voter as required by R.S. 18:1311.

20 **(2) If the ballot is hand delivered, the voter or person authorized by the**
21 **voter pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall deliver the absentee**
22 **ballot to the registrar or to an employee of the registrar at one of the following**
23 **locations:**

24 **(a) The registrar's principal office, as long as the absentee by mail ballot**
25 **is returned during the time period set forth in Subsection C of this Section.**

