

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 618 (HB 357)

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Existing law provides that polling places for elections are established by parish governing authorities and generally provides that only the parish governing authority may change a polling place.

Existing law generally prohibits changing a polling place during the following periods:

- (1) If an election includes candidates for office, from the opening of qualifying to the general election.
- (2) If an election includes only propositions, from 46 days prior to the election to election day.

Existing law provides exceptions. Authorizes the governing authority to change a polling place during the periods when such a change is otherwise prohibited if the polling place becomes unavailable due to an emergency caused by an act of God or if privately owned property is unavailable through no fault of the governing authority.

Existing law authorizes the parish president to change a polling place during the periods when such a change is otherwise prohibited if the polling place is unavailable for reasons described by existing law. However, prior law provided that the parish president was authorized to change a polling place only if there was not going to be a regularly scheduled meeting of the parish governing authority prior to the election. New law removes the prior law limitation on the president's authority to change a polling place.

Effective August 1, 2022.

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