

2023 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 203

BY SENATOR CLOUD

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

VOTERS/VOTING. Provides relative to powers and duties of registrars of voters. (8/1/23)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S.18:192(A)(1)(a) and to enact R.S. 18:110(E), relative to powers and duties of registrars of voters; to provide for voter registration records; to provide for voter registration record corrections; to provide for canvassing requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:192(A)(1)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:110(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§110. Removal from precinct; removal from parish

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E. Nothing in this Section shall prevent a registrar of voters from correcting an error made by a registrar of voters to a voter's registration at any time.

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§192. Annual canvass; costs

A.(1)(a) No later than June thirtieth in each parish, the registrar of voters shall annually canvass the names of the registrants in all precincts in the parish.

1 Failure of the registrar to conduct an annual canvass as provided in this Paragraph
 2 shall constitute willful misconduct relating to his official duty for the purposes of
 3 R.S. 18:53. The Department of State shall use the United States Postal Service or its
 4 licensee to verify the names, ~~and addresses,~~ **and homestead exemptions** of the
 5 registrants in all precincts in the state. A verification by the United States Postal
 6 Service or its licensee shall constitute a valid canvass of the registered voter.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Matt DeVille.

DIGEST

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Present law establishes criteria for a registrant to change his voter registration.

Proposed law allows for the correction of errors made by a registrar of voters to a voter registration at any time.

Present law requires the Dept. of State to use the United States Postal Service or its licensee to verify the names and addresses of the registrants in all precincts in the state and establishes that such a verification constitutes a valid canvass of the registered voter.

Proposed law retains present law and further requires verification of the registrants' homestead exemption.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 18:192(A)(1)(a); adds R.S. 18:110(E))