

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 260

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Beaulieu

ELECTIONS. Provides relative to federal election guidance and funding.

DIGEST

Proposed law requires and prohibits certain actions related to elections by the secretary of state and his employees, registrars of voters and their employees, clerks of court and their employees, parish boards of election supervisors and their employees, commissioners-in-charge, and commissioners, all referred to in this digest as election officials.

Proposed law requires an election official who receives a federal directive or guidance pertaining to elections that is not published on the secretary of state's website to notify the governor, the speaker of the La. House of Representatives and the president of the La. Senate of such directive or guidance within five business days.

Proposed law prohibits an election official from implementing any federal directive or guidance pertaining to elections unless the implementation is explicitly required by law or one of the following applies:

- (1) The House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs approve the implementation after consulting with the secretary of state or his designee.
- (2) Neither committee prohibits the implementation within 30 days after receipt of a request from the official for authority to implement the directive or guidance.

Proposed law prohibits an election official from accepting or disbursing new federal elections funds unless the acceptance and disbursement is explicitly required by law or one of the following applies:

- (1) The Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget votes to approve the acceptance and disbursement of the funds after consulting with the secretary of state or his designee.
- (2) The Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget does not vote to disapprove the acceptance and disbursement within 30 days after receipt of a request from the official for authority to accept and disburse the funds.

Proposed law provides that if an election official accepts and disburses federal election funds in violation of proposed law, the attorney general shall pursue any available legal means to enjoin the official from doing so and to recover expended funds.

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

(Adds R.S. 18:425.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the engrossed bill

1. Make technical corrections.