

SENATE BILL NO. 23

BY SENATOR BERNARD

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

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1309(A)(2), relative to early voting locations; to require approval by the secretary of state; to provide for location requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:1309(A)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1309. Early voting; verification

A. \* \* \*  
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(2) During the early voting period, the registrar shall maintain regular office hours, remaining open from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Early voting on each day of the early voting period shall terminate when all persons who were in line to vote at the close of the regular office hours of the registrar's office, as provided in this Paragraph, have been allowed to vote. If **the secretary of state determines** the office space of the registrar is insufficient or inconvenient to accommodate early voting, the registrar may provide for an alternate location to conduct early voting, which location shall be in ~~the courthouse or in a public building in the immediate vicinity thereof~~ **an accessible and conveniently located public facility within the parish**, and in such case, adequate notice shall be posted

at the registrar's office informing the public of the location where early voting is being conducted.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_