

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS****HB 646****2023 Regular Session****Farnum**

VOTING/REGISTRATION: Provides for the annual canvass of registered voters

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Narrows the applicability of the Dept. of State's canvass for the first two annual canvasses pursuant to proposed law.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law requires each registrar of voters to conduct an annual canvass of registered voters no later than June 30th in order to update voter registration records. Elements of the annual canvass include:

- (1) A requirement that the Dept. of State use the U.S. Postal Service or its licensee to verify names and addresses of registered voters.
- (2) A requirement that the registrar of voters send an address confirmation card to each registrant whose address is not verified or whose corrected address is outside of the parish and place the names of such registrants on the inactive list of voters.

Proposed law requires that either the registrar of voters or the Dept. of State send address confirmation notices.

Proposed law further requires the Dept. of State to conduct an annual canvass no later than June 30th in order to update voter registration records. Elements of the canvass include:

- (1) A requirement that the secretary of state identify registered voters for whom there is not a corrected address and who have not participated in an election, updated their registration information, or taken other specified actions in the previous 10 years. However, requires the first canvass conducted by the Dept. of State to apply only to registrants to failed to take action within the past 30 years; the second canvass conducted by the Dept. of State shall apply only to registrants to failed to take action within the past 20 years.
- (2) A requirement that the secretary of state send such persons an address confirmation notice and place the names of such registrants on the inactive list of voters.

Effective March 31, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 18:192, 193(H), and 198(A); Adds R.S. 18:191.1; Repeals R.S. 18:193(B) and (I))