AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:427(A) and to enact R.S. 18:424(B)(6), 425(B)(3)(d), and 426(A)(2)(c), relative to election officials; to provide for commissioners-in-charge, commissioners, alternate commissioners, and watchers; to provide for qualifications; to prohibit registered sex offenders and child predators from serving in certain positions; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:427(A) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:424(B)(6), 425(B)(3)(d), and 426(A)(2)(c) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§424. Commissioners-in-charge

B. Qualifications. A commissioner-in-charge shall possess the following qualifications:

(6) No person who is required to register as a sex offender or child predator pursuant to R.S. 15:542 may serve as a commissioner-in-charge.

§425. Commissioners

B. Qualifications and classifications.

(3)
(d) No person who is required to register as a sex offender or child predator pursuant to R.S. 15:542 may serve as a commissioner.

§426. Alternate commissioners; qualifications, powers, and duties; oath and compensation

A. Qualifications.

(2) No person who is required to register as a sex offender or child predator pursuant to R.S. 15:542 may be selected as an alternate commissioner.

§427. Watchers

A. Qualifications. (1) A qualified voter of the state of Louisiana who is not a candidate in the election may serve as a watcher; however, a watcher who is not a resident of the parish where he serves may not serve as a commissioner.

(2) No person who is required to register as a sex offender or child predator pursuant to R.S. 15:542 may serve as a watcher.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ____________________________