

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 856

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

VOTING/MACHINES: Provides that the secretary of state shall be responsible for voting system maintenance and repair

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1366(4); relative to voting systems; to provide additional  
3 requirements for voting systems; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 18:1366(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §1366. Requirements for voting systems

7 Any new voting system procured by the secretary of state in accordance with  
8 the provisions of R.S. 18:1362 shall satisfy all of the following:

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10 (4) The secretary of state shall be responsible for all ballot programming and  
11 voting system maintenance and repair and shall limit the use of third-party vendors  
12 to support services only.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 856 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides additional requirements for maintenance of voting systems.

Present law (R.S. 18:1362) requires the secretary of state to procure all voting systems or system components used in the state. Provides requirements for parts and supplies and for contracting for the maintenance of voting machines.

Present law provides that the secretary of state is responsible for all ballot programming of any new voting system procured in accordance with R.S. 18:1362. Limits the use of third-party vendors to support services only.

Proposed law retains present law and further requires that the secretary of state is responsible for the maintenance and repair of new voting systems.

(Amends R.S. 18:1366(4))