

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 319

BY REPRESENTATIVES NEWELL AND CHASSION

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:536(A)(introductory paragraph) and (C), relative to notice of
3 change in polling place; to provide for including the reason for the change when
4 giving notice of a change in polling place; to provide for an effective date; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 18:536(A)(introductory paragraph) and (C) are hereby amended and
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 §536. Notice of change of location of polling place

10 A. When a parish governing authority or parish president, in accordance with
11 the provisions of R.S. 18:534, changes the location of a polling place during the
12 period commencing on the date the qualifying period opens and ending on the date
13 of the general election or during the period commencing on the forty-sixth day prior
14 to an election and ending on the day of the election for an election date exclusively
15 for bond, tax, or other propositions or questions, the governing authority shall give
16 adequate notice of the change of the location and the reason for the change to each
17 voter registered to vote at that polling place and to each candidate to be voted on at
18 that polling place, if applicable, in the following manner:

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20 C. The governing authority shall inform the secretary of state of all polling
21 place location changes and the reason for each change. The secretary of state shall
22 list polling place location changes and the reason for each change as provided by the

1 governing authority on his website in a sortable format ~~and the parish election~~
 2 ~~officials, including the registrar of voters and clerk of court, may publish polling~~
 3 ~~place location changes on their website.~~ A parish registrar of voters or clerk of court
 4 that maintains a website may publish a list of polling place location changes within
 5 the parish and the reason for each change on his website and provide a clearly visible
 6 link to the list on the secretary of state's website. Each website shall also include
 7 instructions on how a voter may subscribe to receive electronic notifications of
 8 polling place location changes.

9 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____