

SENATE BILL NO. 420

BY SENATORS HODGES, CLOUD AND KLEINPETER AND REPRESENTATIVE  
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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1461.2(B) and to enact R.S. 14:133.1.1, relative to election  
3 offenses affecting registration and election fraud; to create the crime of election  
4 fraud or forgery; to provide penalties; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:133.1.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§133.1.1. Election fraud or forgery**

8 **A. No person shall knowingly, willfully, or intentionally:**

9 **(1) Vote or attempt to vote more than once in an election.**

10 **(2) Vote or attempt to vote, knowing that he is not qualified, or influence**  
11 **or attempt to influence another to vote, knowing that voter to be unqualified or**  
12 **the vote to be fraudulent.**

13 **(3) Register, vote, or attempt to register or vote in the name of another**  
14 **or in an assumed or fictitious name, or in any manner other than as provided**  
15 **in the Louisiana Election Code.**

16 **(4) Forge the name of another or use a fictitious name on an affidavit or**  
17 **document required by the Louisiana Election Code.**

18 **(5) Procure or submit voter registration applications that are known by**  
19 **the person to be materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent.**

20 **(6) Forge, alter, add to, deface, take, destroy, or remove from proper**  
21 **custodial care any book, card, record, voter registration application, election**  
22 **return, nomination papers, withdrawals of candidacy, election supplies, election**  
23 **paraphernalia, or any affidavit or other document required or provided for**  
24 **under the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, unless required to be**  
25 **removed by a court of competent jurisdiction for inspection and photostatic**  
26 **copying for the court record.**

1 (7) Have in his possession an official ballot in violation of any provision  
2 of the Louisiana Election Code.

3 (8) Have in his possession the registration certificate of another with  
4 intent to violate any provision of the Louisiana Election Code.

5 (9) For purposes other than fulfilling the person's duties relative to  
6 registration of voters as provided by law, copy or reproduce a voter registration  
7 application that has been submitted by an applicant.

8 B. Whoever violates any provision of this Section shall be fined not more  
9 than two thousand dollars or be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not  
10 more than two years, or both, for the first offense. On a second offense, or any  
11 subsequent offense, the penalty shall be a fine of not more than five thousand  
12 dollars or imprisonment at hard labor for not more than five years, or both.

13 Section 2. R.S. 18:1461.2(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

14 §1461.2. Election offenses affecting registration and election fraud or forgery;

15 penalties

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17 ~~B. Whoever violates any provision of this Section shall be fined not more~~  
18 ~~than two thousand dollars or be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more~~  
19 ~~than two years, or both, for the first offense. On a second offense, or any subsequent~~  
20 ~~offense, the penalty shall be a fine of not more than five thousand dollars or~~  
21 ~~imprisonment at hard labor for not more than five years, or both~~ Whoever violates  
22 any provision of this Section shall be subject to the penalty provisions of R.S.  
23 14:133.1.1.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_