

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 405

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ELECTIONS: Requires the secretary of state to prepare and publish certain information concerning changes in election law

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 18:18(E), relative to the powers and duties of the secretary of state; to require  
3 the secretary of state to prepare and publish a revised Louisiana Election Code and  
4 certain information concerning changes in election law; to provide deadlines; to  
5 provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 18:18(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §18. Secretary of state; powers and duties

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10 E.(1) No later than sixty days after final adjournment of a session of the  
11 legislature which results in changes to one or more provisions of this Code, the  
12 secretary of state shall prepare and publish on the website of the secretary of state a  
13 revised version of this Code which incorporates all such changes.

14 (2) No later than ninety days after final adjournment of a session of the  
15 legislature which results in changes to one or more provisions of this Code, the  
16 secretary of state shall prepare and publish on the website of the secretary of state a  
17 plain language digest which summarizes the effect of, enforcement mechanisms for,  
18 and implementation dates of each such change.

19 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
20 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
3 effective on the day following such approval.

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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires the secretary of state to prepare and publish a revised La. Election Code and certain information concerning changes in election law.

Present law provides for the powers and duties of the secretary of state, which include administering the laws relating to custody of voting machines and voter registration and being responsible for assistance to registrars, administration of rules and regulations of the secretary of state relating to the registration of voters, and matters pertaining to the reporting, compilation, and dissemination of registration statistics and information.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally requires the following:

- (1) No later than 60 days after final adjournment of a session of the legislature which results in changes to one or more provisions of present law (La. Election Code), the secretary of state shall prepare and publish on the website of the secretary of state a revised version of the La. Election Code which incorporates all such changes.
- (2) No later than 90 days after final adjournment of a session of the legislature which results in changes to one or more provisions of the La. Election Code, the secretary of state shall prepare and publish on the website of the secretary of state a plain language digest which summarizes the effect of, enforcement mechanisms for, and implementation dates of each such change.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 18:18(E))