

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 424

BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR

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

VOTERS/VOTING: Provides relative to early voting

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1309(A)(2), relative to early voting locations; to provide for  
3 additional early voting locations for parishes based on population or landmass; to  
4 provide for notice of early voting locations; to provide relative to election expenses  
5 associated with additional early voting locations; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 18:1309(A)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §1309. Early voting; verification

9 A.

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11 (2)(a) During the early voting period, the registrar shall maintain regular  
12 office hours, remaining open from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.  
13 Early voting on each day of the early voting period shall terminate when all persons  
14 who were in line to vote at the close of the regular office hours of the registrar's  
15 office, as provided in this Paragraph, have been allowed to vote. If the secretary of  
16 state determines that the office space of the registrar is insufficient or inconvenient  
17 to accommodate early voting, the registrar may provide for an alternate location to  
18 conduct early voting, which location shall be in an accessible and conveniently  
19 located public facility within the parish, ~~and in such case, adequate notice shall be~~

1 ~~posted at the registrar's office informing the public of the location where early voting~~  
2 ~~is being conducted.~~

3 (b) Notwithstanding R.S. 18:1363 or any other law to the contrary, each  
4 parish may provide for additional early voting locations at a scale of at least one  
5 additional site per every fifty thousand voters or five hundred square miles of  
6 landmass.

7 (c) Adequate notice of early voting locations shall be posted at the registrar's  
8 office and on the website of the registrar and clerk of court informing the public of  
9 the locations where early voting is being conducted.

10 (d) For each additional early voting location implemented pursuant to  
11 Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, the secretary of state shall reimburse the  
12 registrar for expenses related to location rentals, technology fees, and temporary  
13 staffing needs if the legislature appropriates adequate funds to the secretary of state  
14 for that purpose.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for additional early voting locations based on population or landmass, notice of early voting locations, and the reimbursement of the registrar for additional early voting locations if funds have been appropriated by the legislature to the secretary of state for that purpose.

Present law provides for regular office hours that shall be maintained by the registrar's office during the early voting period. Provides for when early voting ends each day during the early voting period. Further provides that the registrar may provide for alternate early voting locations if the secretary of state determines that the office space of the registrar is insufficient or inconvenient to accommodate early voting.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that adequate notice be posted at the registrar's office informing the public of the location where early voting is being conducted.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally provides that the notice be posted on the registrar's website and the clerk of court's website.

Proposed law provides for additional early voting locations that each parish may provide at a scale of one additional location per 50,000 voters or 500 square miles of landmass. Further provides that for each additional early voting location implemented pursuant to proposed law, the secretary of state shall reimburse the registrar for expenses related to the additional early voting locations so long as the legislature appropriates funds to the secretary of state for this purpose.

(Amends R.S. 18:1309(A)(2))