

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 206

BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE

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

ELECTIONS: Requires legislative authorization to give effect to certain actions regarding election procedures inconsistent with the Election Code

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 18:6, relative to prohibiting certain changes to election procedures without
3 legislative approval; to prohibit election officials and the state and parish boards of
4 election supervisors from entering into certain agreements regarding election
5 procedures; to provide for legislative approval of such actions by concurrent
6 resolution; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 18:6 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §6. Change in election procedures prohibited; legislative approval

10 No state, parish, or local election official or the state board of election
11 supervisors or a parish board of election supervisors shall enter into a consent decree
12 or other legal agreement that prescribes election procedures that conflict with
13 procedures prescribed by this Code except as otherwise provided in this Code or as
14 authorized by adoption of a concurrent resolution approved by a majority of the
15 elected members of each house of the legislature.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits election officials and boards of election supervisors from entering into a consent decree or other legal agreement providing election procedures in conflict with the Election Code without authorization by the legislature through a concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of the elected members of each house of the legislature.

Present constitution (Const. Art. XI, § 1) provides that the legislature shall adopt an election code which shall provide for permanent registration of voters and for the conduct of all elections.

Proposed law provides that no state, parish, or local election official or the state board of election supervisors or a parish board of election supervisors shall enter into a consent decree or other legal agreement that prescribes election procedures that conflict with procedures prescribed by present law (Election Code) except as otherwise provided by present law or as authorized by adoption of a concurrent resolution approved by a majority of the elected members of each house of the legislature.

(Adds R.S. 18:6)