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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

BY SENATOR STINE

CONGRESS. Memorializes Congress to amend the National Voter Registration Act.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to amend the National Voter Registration Act to reflect current voter registration practices and remove outdated requirements to ensure that voter rolls are current and accurate.

WHEREAS, Americans' participation in their government is critical to a free and democratic society and Americans' civic engagement is exercised through registering and voting in both federal and local elections; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, the United States Congress enacted the National Voter Registration Act (the "NVRA") which established voter registration requirements for states to follow regarding voter registration processes in federal elections; and

WHEREAS, the law, commonly known as the "motor-voter law" requires state departments of motor vehicles (DMVs) to provide voter registration opportunities to the public; and

WHEREAS, the NVRA also requires other state agencies which provide public services to provide registration opportunities to individuals; and

WHEREAS, forty-four states and the District of Columbia are currently covered by the requirements under the NVRA and only Idaho, Minnesota, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Wisconsin, and Wyoming are exempt; and

WHEREAS, voter registration and technology have undergone many changes since 1993, including the widespread use of and access to the internet, and the introduction of online voter registration has changed the landscape of voter registration in the United States; yet, the NVRA has remained largely unchanged during that time; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana offers online voter registration, in-person registration, and mail voter registration through the registrars of voters in each parish; and

WHEREAS, the use of the internet has made voter registration a significantly more accessible and efficient process.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, to remove cumbersome and now outdated requirements for state compliance regarding registration, particularly inserting the state departments of motor vehicles and other public assistance agencies into the voter registration process, especially when use of the internet for online registration is a model of government efficiency, removes unnecessary bureaucracy, and streamlines the process for easy public use.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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