

SENATE BILL NO. 248

BY SENATOR MILLER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 18:531.1(A) and 531.1(A)(2) and
3 to enact R.S. 18:531.1(A)(3), relative to polling places; to provide that a polling
4 place for a precinct is not required to be opened under certain circumstances; to
5 provide relative to the powers, duties, and authority of registrars of voters relative
6 to polling places; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 18:531.1(A) and 531.1(A)(2) are
9 hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:531.1(A)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §531.1. ~~Exception~~ **Exceptions** to opening polls; alternative voting locations

11 A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the polling place for
12 a particular precinct shall not be required to be opened in ~~either~~ of the following
13 circumstances:

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15 (2) **When it is determined by the registrar of voters that there are fewer**
16 **than twenty voters eligible to vote in the voting district in the precinct, for any**
17 **office or proposition on the ballot, and the location of the precinct's polling**
18 **place serves as the polling place of another precinct where the remaining**
19 **eligible voters may vote pursuant to Subsection C of this Section.**

20 (3) When it is determined by the registrar of voters after the close of early

1 voting, that all voters eligible to vote in the precinct have voted absentee by mail or
2 during early voting.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____