

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 191

BY REPRESENTATIVE STUART BISHOP

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

ELECTIONS/ABSENTEE VOTE: Requires the secretary of state to take action necessary to allow certain classes of voters to vote absentee

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1308(A)(2)(j), relative to voting; to provide relative to the  
3 duties and authority of the secretary of state relative to absentee voting by certain  
4 persons; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:1308(A)(2)(j) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
7 follows:

8 §1308. Absentee voting by mail

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13 (j)(i) The secretary of state as the chief election officer of the state shall take  
14 all actions reasonably necessary to allow members of the United States Service and  
15 persons residing outside the United States to vote according to the Uniformed and  
16 Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act or otherwise ~~during a period of declared~~  
17 ~~emergency~~, whether by mail, facsimile, or other means of transmission of the ballot,  
18 notwithstanding any provision of this Code to the contrary.

19 (ii) The secretary of state as the chief election officer of the state shall take  
20 all actions reasonably necessary to allow registered voters who are unable to vote



Proposed law additionally provides that the secretary of state as the chief election officer of the state shall take all actions reasonably necessary to allow registered voters who are unable to vote during early voting or at the polling place on election day due to out-of-state work responsibilities relating to a declared emergency to vote, whether by mail, facsimile, or other means of transmission of the ballot.

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

(Amends R.S. 18:1308(A)(2)(j))