

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 497

BY REPRESENTATIVE ARNOLD

ELECTION CODE: Provides for the selection of commissioners who serve during early voting in the same manner as commissioners who serve on election day

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1309(J), relative to elections; to provide for the selection of  
3 commissioners for early voting; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 18:1309(J) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §1309. Early voting; verification

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8 J. Upon approval of the secretary of state, a registrar of voters may utilize  
9 commissioners selected and trained by the registrar of voters to assist the registrar  
10 during the early voting period in the conduct of early voting by his office. A  
11 registrar of voters shall, in seeking the approval of the secretary of state, indicate to  
12 the secretary the number of commissioners that is required for such assistance. The  
13 registrar of voters shall select the commissioners for the early voting period in the  
14 manner prescribed in R.S. 18:434. A commissioner who assists the registrar in the  
15 conduct of early voting shall take an oath of office as a deputy registrar for the early  
16 voting period and shall complete an affidavit prepared by the secretary of state that  
17 contains the name, address, and last four digits of the social security number of the  
18 early voting commissioner and an acknowledgment that the law prohibits the  
19 disclosure of confidential voter information listed in the precinct register or early

1 voting list kept by the registrar. The affidavit shall be retained in the office of the  
 2 registrar of voters. A commissioner who assists the registrar in the conduct of early  
 3 voting shall be paid in accordance with R.S. 18:426.1(3) for each day of such  
 4 assistance.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for the selection early voting of commissioners in the same manner as commissioners who serve on election day.

Present law (R.S. 18:434) provides for the selection of commissioners and alternate commissioners for each precinct by the parish board of election supervisors. Provides for selection from a list of qualified commissioners by random drawing.

Present law (R.S. 18:1309(J)) provides that upon approval of the secretary of state, a registrar of voters may utilize commissioners selected and trained by the registrar of voters to assist the registrar during the early voting period in the conduct of early voting by his office.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally provides that the registrar of voters shall select the commissioners for the early voting period in the manner prescribed in present law (R.S. 18:434).

(Amends R.S. 18:1309(J))