

**ACT No. 615**

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 296

BY REPRESENTATIVE CONNICK

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1313(J)(2)(a), (b), and (d), relative to elections; to provide relative to recounts of absentee by mail and early voting ballots; to provide for a recount in proposition elections under certain circumstances; to provide for procedures; to provide relative to the duties of certain election officials relative to such recount; to provide relative to the payment of costs; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:1313(J)(2)(a), (b), and (d) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1313. Tabulation and counting of absentee by mail and early voting ballots

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(2)(a)(i) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, if the number of absentee by mail and early voting ballots cast for all candidates for an office could make a difference in the outcome of the election for such office, upon the written request of a candidate for such office, the board shall recount the absentee by mail ballots by hand or scanning equipment and early voting ballots electronically, unless paper ballots were used for early voting and in such case, the ballots shall be recounted by hand for such office.



