

Existing law (R.S. 18:532.1(E)) provides that a precinct shall not be changed, and no precinct shall be established or altered in any way, including alphabetical division by voter surname, and no annexation shall be implemented during a specified time period that ends on the date of the general election.

Prior law provided that the time period commenced on the date the qualifying period opened. New law provides instead that the time period commences on the fifth business day prior to the date the qualifying period opens.

Prior law provided that for an election which was exclusively for bonds, taxes, and other propositions or questions and for no other kind of election, a precinct could not be changed during the period commencing on the 46th day prior to the election and ending on the date of the election. New law repeals prior law.

Existing law provides that no precinct change or annexation shall become effective for an election unless certain specified information is received by the secretary of state prior to a specified deadline.

Prior law required that the information be received by the secretary of state prior to the date the qualifying period opened. New law provides instead that the information must be received by the secretary of state prior to the fifth business day prior to the date the qualifying period opens.

Existing law specifies the information that must be submitted concerning a precinct change or annexation, including a copy of the ordinance adopting the change and a copy of the map showing the new precinct boundaries and designations together with a written description of such boundaries.

Prior law required a statement of no objection to the change from the U.S. attorney general to also be submitted. New law instead requires the submission of notice of preclearance if required pursuant to the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Prior law provided that in the case of an election exclusively for bonds, taxes, and other propositions or questions, no precinct change or annexation that was made prior to the 46th day before the election could become effective for the election unless certain specified information was received by the secretary of state prior to the 46th day before the election. New law repeals prior law.

Effective Aug. 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 18:532.1(E))