AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:21, relative to the powers, functions, and duties of the secretary of state; to provide relative to the production of certain maps and fees therefor; to provide relative to utilization of voting machine technology and other resources to conduct certain elections and fees relative thereto; to dedicate revenues from such fees to the Voting Technology Fund; to establish and provide for the Voting Technology Fund; to provide for the deposit, investment, and use of monies in the fund; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:21 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§21. Maps; use of voting machines, technology, and other resources; fees; Voting Technology Fund

A. The secretary of state may produce and sell maps of precincts and election jurisdictions. The secretary of state may charge uniform, reasonable fees for the maps. The fees shall be established by rule adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

B. The secretary of state may utilize the voting machines, voting technology, and other resources of his office to conduct an election not governed by the provisions of this Code or law. The secretary of state may charge uniform, reasonable fees for this service. The fees shall be established by rule adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

C.(1) There is hereby created as a special fund in the state treasury, the Voting Technology Fund, hereafter in this Subsection referred to as the "fund". The source of monies for the fund shall be the monies derived from fees imposed pursuant to this Section, and any other monies appropriated to the fund.
(2) All fees imposed and collected pursuant to this Section shall be remitted to the state treasurer for immediate deposit into the state treasury. After compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, and prior to monies being placed in the state general fund, an amount equal to the fees collected as required by this Section shall be credited to the fund. Monies in the fund shall be invested by the state treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund. All interest earned on the investment of monies in the fund shall be credited to this fund following compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of each fiscal year shall remain in the fund.

(3) All monies in the fund shall be used solely and exclusively for the acquisition and maintenance of voting machine technology, including hardware and software; voting equipment and supplies; voter outreach; voter improvement; early voting; and information technology products to produce, run, and support the election and voting system.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective January 11, 2016.