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Abstract: Allows a person with a disability to receive assistance in voting during early voting and on election day by presenting a current mobility impairment hang tag issued to the person.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 18:564 and 1309.3) provides for assistance in voting on election day and during early voting. Requires a person who seeks assistance in voting to file certain required documentation with the registrar prior to voting. Also allows a person to present certain documentation to election officials at the polls, including the following:

- (1) A physician's certificate relative to the physical disability of the person.
- (2) A current mobility impairment identification card bearing a photograph of the voter and the international symbol of accessibility issued by the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections as authorized by present law (R.S. 47:463.4).
- (3) A copy of current documentation showing eligibility for social security disability benefits, veteran's disability benefits, paratransit services, benefits from the office for citizens with developmental disabilities, or benefits from La. Rehabilitation Services.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>. Adds to such documentation a current mobility impairment hang tag or a disabled veteran license plate issued to the voter by the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections pursuant to <u>present law</u> (R.S. 47:463.4 or 490.4).

(Adds R.S. 18:564(D)(2)(a)(iv) and 1309.3(D)(1)(a)(iv))