
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2016 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to
Original House Bill No. 890 by Representative DanahayAMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 4 through 6 and insert the following:

"463(A)(2)(b), 470(B), 532.1(D)(2)(a) and (E), 563(D)(2), 583(A)(2), 1285(B)(1)(a),
1300(C)(1), 1306(A)(3), 1307(B)(1)(a), and 1313(J)(2)(b), to enact R.S.
18:18(A)(10), 116(A)(3), 1309(E)(5)(b)(iii), 1310(D), and 1313(F)(11), and to repeal
R.S. 18:116(A)(1)(c), relative to the Louisiana Election"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 17, after "execution of" and before "the certificate" delete "a"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete line 1, and insert "changes; to provide deadlines for"

AMENDMENT NO. 4On page 2, line 8, after "certain elections;" and before "to require" insert "to provide relative
to absentee by mail voting;"AMENDMENT NO. 5On page 2, line 9, after "on the ballot;" and before "to provide for" insert "to provide relative
to paper ballots; to provide for replacement ballots;"AMENDMENT NO. 6On page 3, line 1, after "designated by" and before "that committee" insert "the chairman of"AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, delete lines 2 through 5 and insert the following:

"After the development of the program, the secretary of state shall submit the details
of the program to the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the
Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. The secretary of state shall
also submit to the committees the details of any subsequent change to the program."

AMENDMENT NO. 8On page 6, line 12, after "day and" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 13 and
insert "ensuring that commissioners who serve at polling places can perform all required
duties."AMENDMENT NO. 9On page 9, line 5, change "(2)(a)(i)" to "(2)(a)"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 10

2 On page 9, delete lines 11 through 26 and insert the following:

3 "authority may divide a precinct into two or more precincts; any such division shall
4 be by a visible feature which is a census tabulation boundary. Upon dividing a
5 precinct, the parish governing authority shall notify the secretary of state of such
6 precinct division in writing."

7 AMENDMENT NO. 11

8 On page 11, line 1, change "fax" to "send by facsimile"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 12

10 On page 11, delete lines 23 and 24 and insert the following:

11 "Section 2. R.S. 18:193(D), 563(D)(2), 1285(B)(1)(a), 1300(C)(1), and
12 1306(A)(3) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:1309(E)(5)(b)(iii),
13 1310(D), and 1313(F)(11) are hereby enacted to read as follows:"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 13

15 On page 12, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

16 "§563. Procedure for voting

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18 D.

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20 (2)(a) In order to cast a vote on a paper ballot, a voter must make a selection
21 for a candidate or for or against a proposition by completely filling in the oval to the
22 right of a selection and returning the ballot to the appropriate election official within
23 the applicable deadline set forth by law. If a voter makes selections for more than
24 the number of candidates to be elected for an office or makes selections for and
25 against the same proposition, the selections for that office or proposition will be
26 void.

27 (b) If a voter determines that his ballot is spoiled because he wants to change
28 or correct his vote on the ballot before it is cast and counted but is unable to do so,
29 he may obtain a replacement ballot upon returning the spoiled ballot to a
30 commissioner. The voter shall cast his vote as provided in Subparagraph (a) of this
31 Paragraph using the replacement ballot. The commissioner shall write the words
32 "spoiled and replaced" on the ballot and shall place it in the envelope marked
33 "Registrar of Voters".

34 * * *"

35 AMENDMENT NO. 14

36 On page 13, line 7, after "inform the voter" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines
37 8 through 10 and insert the following:

38 "concerning how to change or correct his vote on the ballot before it is cast and
39 counted, including through the issuance of a replacement ballot if the voter is
40 otherwise unable to change or correct his vote on the ballot.

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2 §1309. Early voting; verification

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4 E.

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6 (5)

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8 (b)

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10 (iii) If a voter determines that his ballot is spoiled because he wants to
11 change or correct his vote on the ballot before it is cast and counted but is unable to
12 do so, he may obtain a replacement ballot upon returning the spoiled ballot to the
13 registrar or deputy registrar. The voter shall cast his vote as provided in Item (i) of
14 this Subparagraph using the replacement ballot. The registrar or deputy registrar
15 shall write the words "spoiled and replaced" on the ballot and attach it to the early
16 voting confirmation sheet.

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18 §1310. Execution of certificate; marking of ballot; casting vote; assistance

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20 D.(1) If a voter determines that his ballot is spoiled because he wants to
21 change or correct his vote on the ballot before it is cast and counted but is unable to
22 do so, he may obtain a replacement ballot from the registrar of voters in his parish.

23 (2) Upon receiving the replacement ballot, the voter shall mark the ballot and
24 return it to the registrar as provided in this Section. The voter shall not return the
25 spoiled ballot to the registrar, but shall destroy it. If the voter sends both the spoiled
26 ballot and the replacement ballot to the registrar, each of such ballots shall be void.

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28 §1313. Tabulation and counting of absentee by mail and early voting ballots

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30 F. The procedure for counting absentee by mail ballots shall be as follows:

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32 (11) If two or more ballots for the same election have been included in the
33 same envelope, the board shall reject all such ballots.

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