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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 68

BY REPRESENTATIVE DANAHAY

ELECTIONS: Directs the secretary of state to establish and maintain a toll-free number to be used by the public to report election issues and problems

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

## 2 To urge and request the secretary of state to continue to maintain a toll-free number to allow 3 members of the public to submit comments, concerns, and questions relative to 4 elections; to immediately send to the appropriate registrar a detailed summary of any 5 such comment, concern, or question; and to track calls to ensure that they are addressed appropriately and to urge and request each registrar of voters to 6 7 prominently post the toll-free number at his office. 8 WHEREAS, House Resolution No. 94 of the 2015 Regular Session created a 9 subcommittee of the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to examine matters 10 relating to the compensation, evaluation, appointment, and placement within the structure 11 of government of registrars of voters, payment of expenses incurred by a registrar of voters 12 for early voting, and any related issues that the subcommittee deems appropriate; and 13 WHEREAS, the subcommittee recommended that a toll-free number be established 14 and prominently posted to be used by the public during elections to communicate with the 15 secretary of state and the local registrar; and 16 WHEREAS, the subcommittee determined that each call should be tracked to ensure 17 that the call is addressed appropriately. 18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 19 urge and request the secretary of state to continue to maintain a toll-free number to allow members of the public to submit comments, concerns, and questions relative to elections; 20 21 to immediately send to the appropriate registrar a detailed summary of any such comment,

- 1 concern, or question; and to track calls to ensure that they are addressed appropriately and
- 2 to urge and request each registrar of voters to prominently post the toll-free number at his
- 3 office.
- 4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
- 5 to the secretary of state and the Louisiana Registrar of Voters Association.

## **DIGEST**

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## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs</u> to the <u>original</u> resolution:

- 1. Request the secretary of state to continue to maintain a toll-free number instead of directing the secretary of state to establish it.
- 2. Request the secretary of state to immediately send to the appropriate registrar a detailed summary of each call.
- 3. Request each registrar to prominently post the toll-free number at his office.