
DIGEST

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HB 167 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides criteria for removing deceased persons from voter registration rolls.

Present law requires a registrar of voters to remove from the voter registration rolls the name of a deceased person upon receipt of a certified copy of a death certificate.

Present law requires the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to send a report each month to the Dept. of State regarding persons in each parish in the state who died in the preceding month. Further requires the Dept. of State to cancel the registration of any deceased person when the information provided by LDH corresponds to criteria established by present law.

Proposed law requires such cancellation if the information provided by LDH corresponds to criteria established by the secretary of state.

Present law authorizes a registrar of voters to cancel registrations based on obituaries. Proposed law requires the registrar to do so and requires the registrar to search obituaries.

Effective June 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 18:173)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Delete proposed law imposing a three day deadline on the cancellation of registration of deceased persons.
2. Delete proposed law providing the criteria for the removal of deceased persons from voter rolls.
3. Add provision for the secretary of state to establish criteria for the removal of deceased persons from voter rolls.
4. Add provision requiring the registrar of voters to review the information received from

LDH to determine if information is sufficient to cancel or challenge the registration of deceased persons.

5. Change the effective date of proposed law.