
DIGEST

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HB 167 Reengrossed

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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. Proposed law requires such cancellations within 30 days after receipt of the 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 cancellations within 30 days after receipt of the report. Present law requires the Dept. of State to send LDH report information to the registrars. Proposed law requires the registrars to, within 30 days of receipt, cancel or challenge registrations of deceased persons.

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.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add "within 30 days" requirement to cancellation, challenge, and review requirements of present law and proposed law.