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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2021 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative McCormick to Engrossed House Bill No. 704 by Representative Hodges

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "enact" and before "R.S." insert "Chapter 6-F of Title 18 of the
3 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 18:1300.44, and"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 3, delete "and 1366," and insert a comma "," and insert "1366, and 1366.1,"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, line 6, after "voting systems;" insert "to provide for a proposition election to
8 determine which method of voting system will be permitted in the state;"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 4

10 On page 1, line 10, after "reenacted and" and before "18:435(A)(5)" insert "Chapter 6-F of
11 Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 18:1300.44, and R.S."

12 AMENDMENT NO. 5

13 On page 1, line 10, delete "and 1366," and insert a comma "," and insert "1366, and 1366.1"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 6

15 On page 3, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

16 "CHAPTER 6-F. SECURE VOTING SYSTEMS FOR ELECTIONS
17 §1300.44. Election to choose voting system for elections
18 A.(1) For the purposes of protecting and preserving the voters' confidence in
19 the integrity of the voting system, at the statewide election occurring on March 26,
20 2022, a proposition shall appear on the ballot to determine which voting system will
21 be operated in the future to secure election results.
22 (2) The ballot for the election shall state as follows:
23 "PROPOSITION TO CHOOSE VOTING SYSTEM FOR ELECTIONS.
24 Which of the following voting systems will be purchased by the state to
25 Louisiana to tabulate votes in future elections?
26 (1) A secure paper ballot that uses security features to prevent duplicate
27 counting of the same vote, except in cases of recounts, and shall be the official vote
28 for the election and shall be tabulated either by hand or with an optical ballot scanner
29 that is not capable of modifying or altering the information entered by the voter for
30 the election. (YES to No. 1); or
31 (2) A computer voting system that uses computer hardware, software, or
32 firmware to the degree necessary to configure and prepare ballots for an election and
33 that allows the state of Louisiana to verify and validate election security policies and
34 procedures and that requires the state of Louisiana to have control of the
35 administrative passwords, encryptions keys, source codes, parity keys, or any other

1 administrative tool necessary to audit the voting system and those administrative
2 tools shall be in the sole possession of the state of Louisiana and the computer voting
3 machine and will generate a secure paper ballot that shall be the official vote of an
4 election. (YES to No. 2)"

5 B. The voters shall vote for either paragraph (1) or (2) of the proposition. A
6 vote for the proposition (1) shall mean that the voter chooses to conduct elections
7 using a secure paper ballot that uses security features to prevent duplicate counting
8 of the same vote, except in cases of recounts, and shall be the official vote for the
9 election and shall be tabulated either by hand or with an optical ballot scanner that
10 is not capable of modifying or altering the information entered by the voter for the
11 election with the vote for paragraph (1) being a "YES to No. 1" vote. A vote for
12 paragraph (2) shall mean that a computer voting system is to be used and that the
13 state of Louisiana to have control of the administrative passwords, encryptions keys,
14 source codes, parity keys, or any other administrative tool necessary to audit the
15 voting system and those administrative tools shall be in the sole possession of the
16 state of Louisiana and the computer voting machine and will generate a secure paper
17 ballot that shall be the official vote of an election with the vote for paragraph (2)
18 being a "YES to No. 2" vote.

19 C.(1) Whichever of the two options that is chosen by the qualified electors
20 in the state shall determine the method of secure voting which will be used for future
21 elections.

22 (2) The legislature shall, by law, provide the specific requirements to
23 implement the provisions of this Section and shall determine the dates that such
24 voting machines will be purchased and that such appropriation shall be made for the
25 purchase.

26 (3) Subject to the Procurement Code, the legislature by law shall set forth the
27 requirements for purchasing the equipment and supplies to be used for future
28 elections and shall appropriate the funds for the option selected by the voter.

29 D. The secretary of state shall prepare the ballot for the election as set forth
30 in the provisions of this Section.

31 E. Except as otherwise provided by this Section, the election shall be
32 conducted in accordance with the Louisiana Election Code.

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34 AMENDMENT NO. 7

35 On page 8, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

36 "§1366.1. Voting system security
37 Once the voters, via the proposition on election held on March 26, 2022,
38 determine the type of voting system that will be purchased by the state for future
39 elections, the secretary of state shall issue requests for proposal for the selection and
40 purchase of a voting system in accordance with that proposition and, subject to the
41 Procurement Code and subject to appropriation by the legislature."

42 AMENDMENT NO. 8

43 On page 8, after line 11, insert the following:

44 "Section 3. R.S. 18:1366.1 shall become effective May 1, 2022 and, based upon the
45 voting system chosen by the statewide election to be held on March 26, 2022, shall begin the
46 procurement process to purchase the voting system."