

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 167

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON, AMEDEE, CARRIER, CREWS,
EDMONDS, FARNUM, FIRMENT, MIGUEZ, ORGERON, RISER, SEABAUGH,
AND THOMPSON

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:173, relative to voter registration rolls; to provide relative to
3 removal of deceased persons from such rolls; to provide relative to Department of
4 State and registrar of voter responsibilities; to provide for an effective date; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 18:173 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §173. Deaths

9 ~~B. A.~~ Upon Within thirty days after receipt of a certified copy of a death
10 certificate, the registrar of voters shall remove from the voter registration rolls the
11 name of the deceased.

12 ~~C. B.~~ By the tenth day of each month the parish health officer shall send
13 notice to the registrar of voters of the death of each person in the parish during the
14 preceding month and shall include the deceased person's parish of residence.

15 ~~D. (1) C.(1)~~ By the tenth day of each month, the secretary of the Louisiana
16 Department of Health shall send to the Department of State a report, certified as
17 correct over his signature or the signature of his authorized representative, containing
18 the name, address, date of birth, sex, ~~and~~ social security number, place of birth,
19 mother's maiden name, and alias name, as such information exists in the database of
20 the Louisiana Department of Health, of any person sixteen years of age or older who
21 died in each parish of the state within the preceding calendar month.

1 (2) ~~The~~ Within thirty days after receipt of the report described in Paragraph
 2 (1) of this Subsection, the Department of State shall cancel the registration of any
 3 deceased person when the information provided by the Louisiana Department of
 4 Health corresponds exactly to the criteria for cancellation of voter registration as
 5 established ~~in R.S. 18:108~~ by the secretary of state. The Department of State shall
 6 promptly notify the registrar of the parish in which the voter was registered of such
 7 cancellation.

8 (3) The information received from the Louisiana Department of Health
 9 regarding deceased persons whose registrations were not canceled pursuant to
 10 Paragraph (2) of this Subsection shall be sent monthly to the registrar of voters for
 11 each parish by the Department of State. Within thirty days after receipt of the report
 12 from the Department of State, the registrar of voters shall review the information
 13 received from the Louisiana Department of Health to determine if the matches of
 14 information are sufficient to cancel or challenge the registration of deceased persons.

15 E. D. The registrar of voters shall search obituaries for deceased persons
 16 whose registrations were not canceled. The registrar of voters ~~may~~ shall use
 17 information from an obituary notice to cancel a deceased voter's registration if the
 18 notice provides sufficient information to properly identify the voter and the registrar
 19 has confirmed the voter's death with the office of vital records.

20 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on June 1, 2022.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____