

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 115

BY REPRESENTATIVE DANAHAHAY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ELECTIONS: Changes the time for the opening of the polls and the office of the registrar from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. on election day for regularly scheduled congressional primary elections

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:134(E) and 541, relative to voting; to provide for the hours
3 of voting; to provide for the time for opening the polls on election days when a
4 regularly scheduled congressional primary election is held; to provide for the hours
5 of the principal office of the registrar on election days when a regularly scheduled
6 congressional primary election is held; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 18:134(E) and 541 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
9 follows:

10 §134. Office hours

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12 E.~~(1)~~ On election days the principal office of the registrar shall remain open
13 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. The registrar or a deputy registrar designated by him
14 shall remain in the office during that time.

15 ~~(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, on~~
16 ~~days when a regularly scheduled congressional primary election is held, the principal~~
17 ~~office of the registrar shall remain open from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. The registrar~~
18 ~~or a deputy registrar designated by him shall remain in the office during that time.~~

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- 1 §541. Opening and closing of the polls
- 2 ~~A.~~ In the primary and general elections, the polls shall open at 7:00 a.m. on
- 3 election day and shall close at 8:00 p.m. on election day.
- 4 ~~B.~~ ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A of this Section, in~~
- 5 ~~regularly scheduled congressional primary elections and elections held at the same~~
- 6 ~~time, the polls shall open at 6:00 a.m. on election day and shall close at 8 p.m. on~~
- 7 ~~election day.~~
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Changes the time for the opening of the polls and the office of the registrar from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. on election days when a regularly scheduled congressional primary election is held.

Present law (R.S. 18:541) provides that the polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. on election day. Present law (R.S. 18:134) provides that on election days, the principal office of the registrar of voters must remain open from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that for regularly scheduled congressional primary elections and elections held at the same time, the polls and the principal office of the registrar open at 6 a.m. on election day instead of 7 a.m.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 18:134(E) and 541)