

ACT No. 296

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 151

BY REPRESENTATIVE STUART BISHOP

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 18:21, relative to the powers, functions, and duties of the secretary of state;
3 to provide relative to the production of certain maps and fees therefor; to provide
4 relative to utilization of voting machine technology and other resources to conduct
5 certain elections and fees relative thereto; to dedicate revenues from such fees to the
6 Voting Technology Fund; to establish and provide for the Voting Technology Fund;
7 to provide for the deposit, investment, and use of monies in the fund; and to provide
8 for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 18:21 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §21. Maps; use of voting machines, technology, and other resources; fees; Voting
12 Technology Fund

13 A. The secretary of state may produce and sell maps of precincts and
14 election jurisdictions. The secretary of state may charge uniform, reasonable fees
15 for the maps. The fees shall be established by rule adopted in accordance with the
16 Administrative Procedure Act.

17 B. The secretary of state may utilize the voting machines, voting technology,
18 and other resources of his office to conduct an election not governed by the
19 provisions of this Code or law. The secretary of state may charge uniform,
20 reasonable fees for this service. The fees shall be established by rule adopted in
21 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

22 C.(1) There is hereby created as a special fund in the state treasury, the
23 Voting Technology Fund, hereafter in this Subsection referred to as the "fund". The
24 source of monies for the fund shall be the monies derived from fees imposed
25 pursuant to this Section, and any other monies appropriated to the fund.

1 (2) All fees imposed and collected pursuant to this Section shall be remitted
2 to the state treasurer for immediate deposit into the state treasury. After compliance
3 with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana
4 relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, and prior to monies being
5 placed in the state general fund, an amount equal to the fees collected as required by
6 this Section shall be credited to the fund. Monies in the fund shall be invested by the
7 state treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund. All interest
8 earned on the investment of monies in the fund shall be credited to this fund
9 following compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the
10 Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund. All
11 unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of each fiscal year shall
12 remain in the fund.

13 (3) All monies in the fund shall be used solely and exclusively for the
14 acquisition and maintenance of voting machine technology, including hardware and
15 software; voting equipment and supplies; voter outreach; voter improvement; early
16 voting; and information technology products to produce, run, and support the
17 election and voting system.

18 Section 2. This Act shall become effective January 11, 2016.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____