

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 160

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY MILLER

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

VOTERS/VOTING: Provides relative to voting by a person who has a disability

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:564(D)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (2)(b) and  
3 1309.3(D)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S. 18:106(C)(2)(d),  
4 564(D)(1)(a)(iv) and (2)(a)(iv), and 1309.3(D)(1)(a)(iv) and (v), relative to voting;  
5 to provide relative to eligibility for certain persons to receive assistance in voting on  
6 election day and during early voting; to provide procedures and requirements for  
7 receiving assistance in voting; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 18:564(D)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (2)(b) and  
10 1309.3(D)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
11 18:106(C)(2)(d), 564(D)(1)(a)(iv) and (2)(a)(iv), and 1309.3(D)(1)(a)(iv) and (v) are enacted  
12 to read as follows:

13 §106. Physical disability; inability to write English; language minority groups;  
14 execution of documents; assistance

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18 (2) For purposes of this Subsection proof of disability means one of the  
19 following:

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1           (d) A completed and signed voter registration application attesting that the  
2           voter has a physical disability and requires assistance in voting.

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4           §564. Assistance in voting on election day

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6           D.(1)(a) Prior to receiving assistance ~~under~~ pursuant to this Section due to  
7           a disability, including visual impairment, the voter shall file with the registrar in  
8           person or by mail a statement setting forth the necessity and reasons for this  
9           assistance and shall furnish the registrar one of the following:

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11           (iv) A completed and signed voter registration application attesting that the  
12           voter has a physical disability and requires assistance in voting.

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14           (2)(a) A voter shall also be entitled to assistance without having filed with  
15           the registrar a statement setting forth the necessity and reasons for this assistance if,  
16           on election day, the voter presents to the commissioner-in-charge one of the  
17           following as proof of disability:

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19           (iv) A completed and signed voter assistance form provided by the secretary  
20           of state wherein the voter attests that he has a physical disability and requires  
21           assistance in voting.

22           (b) The commissioner-in-charge shall place any physician's certificate,  
23           statement setting forth the necessity and reasons for assistance, ~~or~~ copy of proof of  
24           disability, or completed and signed voter assistance form presented by a voter in the  
25           envelope marked "Registrar of Voters" and attach the envelope to the precinct  
26           register.

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28           §1309.3. Assistance in voting during early voting

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