

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 108

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

STUDENT/SCH ATTENDANCE: Provides for an excused absence to allow students to vote

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:226(C), relative to exemptions from compulsory school attendance; to
3 provide that students shall be temporarily excused from school to vote in certain
4 elections; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:226(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §226. Exemptions from compulsory attendance

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9 C. Students who are registered to vote shall be excused from school for a
10 period of up to two hours, for the express purpose of voting, on days on which
11 congressional primary and general elections are held. Each public school governing
12 authority shall adopt rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this
13 Subsection.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires public schools to excuse students for up to two hours for the purpose of voting during certain elections.

Present law generally requires parents of children between the ages of six and 18 to send their children to school. Relative to a child being temporarily excused from school, permits temporary absences for certain circumstances.

Proposed law excuses students registered to vote from class for up to two hours for the purpose of voting in congressional primary and general elections. Requires public school governing authorities to adopt rules for implementation of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 17:226(C))