2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 671

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS

VOTING/MACHINES: Provides for testing of voting machines prior to election

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1373(A)(2), relative to preparation, testing, and adjusting of
voting machine, to provide for notice of preparation of voting machines; to provide
for review of test vote report; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:1373(A)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
§1373. Notice of preparation of machines for election; preparation of machines for
election; testing and adjusting; examination by candidate or his
representative; securing and sealing machines

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(2) The secretary of state shall prepare the voting machines for the election
by placing them in order, inserting the proper ballots, and testing and adjusting the
voting machines for the election. A test vote report shall be produced by each
machine, and a signed certification of such testing shall be submitted to the parish
board of election supervisors. In preparing the machines, the secretary of state shall
lock out against use on each machine those vote indicators or devices that are not to
be used at the election. In preparing and testing machines, the secretary of state shall
use the mechanics and technicians authorized by R.S. 18:1353.

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Abstract: Provides for review of a test vote report by the parish board of election supervisors.

Present law provides that the secretary of state shall prepare the voting machines for the election by placing them in order, inserting the proper ballots, and testing and adjusting the voting machines for the election. A test vote report shall be produced by each machine.

Proposed law retains present law and requires a signed certification of the test vote report to be submitted to the parish board of election supervisors.

(Amends R.S. 18:1373(A)(2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Change required submission from a test vote on each machine to a certification of the testing.

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