

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 161

BY SENATOR JOHNS

VOTERS/VOTING. Deletes the requirement for the Registrar of Voters to post a list of voters who request to vote absentee by mail. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1311, relative to the Louisiana Election Code; to delete the
3 requirement for the Registrar of Voters to post a list of voters who request to vote
4 absentee by mail and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:1311 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1311. List of absentee voters; posting; delivery of alphabetized list to precincts;
8 supplements

9 ~~A. Immediately upon receipt of an application to vote absentee by mail or~~
10 ~~during early voting, the registrar shall enter the name of the applicant and his street~~
11 ~~or mailing address, ward, and precinct number on a list. He shall post the list in a~~
12 ~~conspicuous place accessible to the public at the entrance to his office.~~

13 **B. A.** The registrar shall keep a list containing the names of all persons who
14 vote by early voting ballot during early voting and of those whose absentee ballots
15 by mail he has received. He shall post this list in a conspicuous place accessible to
16 the public at the entrance to his office. After the last day for early voting, the
17 registrar shall prepare a list, arranged alphabetically by precinct, of the names of all

1 persons who have voted during early voting or from whom absentee ballots by mail
2 were received on or before the last day for early voting. The registrar shall retain a
3 copy of the list for use by the parish board of election supervisors on election night
4 and shall post a copy of the list in a conspicuous place accessible to the public at the
5 entrance to his office.

6 ~~€~~ **B.** (1) The registrar shall prepare a supplemental list, arranged
7 alphabetically by precinct, of the names of all persons from whom absentee ballots
8 by mail have been received after the last day for early voting and before election day.
9 The registrar shall deliver the supplemental list for each precinct to the parish
10 custodian. The parish custodian shall then deliver the supplemental list for each
11 precinct to the deputy parish custodian appointed for that precinct when the key
12 envelopes are delivered as provided in R.S. 18:553(A). The registrar shall retain a
13 copy of the supplemental list for use by the parish board of election supervisors on
14 election night and shall post a copy of the supplemental list in a conspicuous place
15 accessible to the public at the entrance to his office.

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17 ~~Ɖ~~ **C.** (1)(a) Any absentee ballot submitted by a member of the United States
18 Service or person who resides outside of the United States who has made application
19 to vote absentee by mail timely and which ballot is received by the registrar on
20 election day shall be endorsed with the day and hour of receipt and shall be
21 segregated from and kept separately from any other absentee by mail ballot received
22 on or after election day.

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24 ~~E~~ **D.** The commissioners at the polling place shall use the supplemental list
25 provided for in Subsection ~~€~~ **B.** of this Section to insure that persons who have voted
26 absentee by mail do not vote in person at the polls on election day.

27 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor
28 or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law
29 without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the

1 Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by
2 the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tim Prather.

DIGEST

Johns (SB 161)

Present law requires the Registrar of Voters to post the list of voters who requested to vote absentee by mail.

Proposed law deletes the requirement of posting the list of voters who request to vote absentee by mail.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 18:1311)