2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 896

## BY REPRESENTATIVE GAROFALO

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 24:15, relative to the legislature; to authorize a means other than mail for
3	transmission of documents to and from members of the legislature; to provide for the
4	authority of the clerical officers of the legislature with respect thereto; and to provide
5	for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 24:15 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
8	§15. Transmission of documents
9	A. Whenever the clerk of the House of Representatives is required to send
10	a ballot, petition, or other documentation to the members of the House of
11	Representatives by mail, either by law or pursuant to the rules of procedure of the
12	House of Representatives, and the clerk determines that it is feasible and desirable
13	to utilize the system designed pursuant to R.S. 39:461.1 instead of mail for the
14	transmission of the ballot, petition, or other documentation, then notwithstanding any
15	requirement to the contrary, the clerk may utilize the system for the transmission of
16	the ballot, petition, or other documentation in lieu of mailing.
17	B. Whenever the secretary of the Senate is required to send a ballot, petition,
18	or other documentation to the members of the Senate by mail, either by law or
19	pursuant to the rules of procedure of the Senate, and the secretary determines that
20	it is feasible and desirable to utilize the system designed pursuant to R.S. 39:461.1
21	instead of mail for the transmission of the ballot, petition, or other documentation,
22	then notwithstanding any requirement to the contrary, the secretary may utilize the
23	system for the transmission of the ballot, petition, or other documentation in lieu of
24	mailing.

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1	C. Whenever the clerk of the House of Representatives and the secretary of
2	the Senate are required to send a ballot, petition, or other documentation to the
3	members of the legislature by mail, either by law or pursuant to the joint rules of
4	procedure of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and the clerk and the
5	secretary jointly determine that it is feasible and desirable to utilize the system
6	designed pursuant to R.S. 39:461.1 instead of mail for the transmission of the ballot,
7	petition, or other documentation, then notwithstanding any requirement to the
8	contrary, the clerk and the secretary may utilize the system for the transmission of
9	the ballot, petition, or other documentation in lieu of mailing.
10	D. When necessary to determine any deadline based upon a postmark, the
11	transmission date through the system shall serve as the postmark.
12	E. The provisions of this Section shall be applicable to any requirement on
13	either or both clerical officers to mail any ballot, petition, or other documentation to
14	the members of his house of the legislature or to each member of the legislature,
15	including without limitation any such mail requirement in R.S. 18:135.1 and 401.3,
16	R.S. 24:10, 11, 504, and 507, R.S. 27:224, R.S. 39:87, 99.12, and 99.36, R.S.
17	49:220.23, and R.S.51:1052.
	SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
	PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
	GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA
	APPROVED:
	MINOVED,