RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law (R.S. 18:1374) provides that to the extent possible, the authority charged with the selection of polling places shall designate polling places which are equipped with proper electric current, fixtures, and outlets necessary to properly operate the voting machines and otherwise conduct the election. Requires each voting machine to be placed inside the polling place and to be in full view of the public until the last elector has voted. Provides that the commissioners and watchers shall be stationed near the voting machines, that the commissioners shall regulate the admission of the voters thereto, and that each shall always be in full view of the other election commissioners and watchers and, as far as possible, of the public.

<u>Prior law</u> provided that the voting machines were required to be in full view of the public from the time the election began.

<u>New law</u> provides that the voting machines shall be in full view of the public beginning when the polling place is opened, instead of when the election begins. Specifies that the requirement applies to voting machines used during early voting and to machines used on election day.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 18:1374)