2020 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30

BY REPRESENTATIVE DWIGHT

VOTERS/VOTING: Suspends certain provisions of law relative to the time by which a voter must be registered as affiliated with a particular political party to be eligible to vote for candidates for membership on that party's committees

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To suspend until sixty days after final adjournment of the 2021 Regular Session of the
3	Legislature of Louisiana the provisions of R.S. 18:521(B)(2), relative to the
4	eligibility of a voter who is affiliated with a political party to vote on candidates for
5	party office.
6	WHEREAS, R.S. 18:135(A) provides relative to the close of registration records
7	prior to an election; and
8	WHEREAS, R.S. 18:135(A)(1) provides that generally registrars of voters shall close
9	registration records thirty days prior to an election unless the deadline falls on a Saturday,
10	Sunday, or legal holiday; and
11	WHEREAS, R.S. 18:135(A)(2) provides for the close of registration records in the
12	case of an emergency; and
13	WHEREAS, R.S. 18:135(A)(3) provides that notwithstanding R.S. 18:135(A)(1),
14	registrars of voters shall close the registration records twenty days prior to an election for
15	persons who utilize electronic registration to registrar to vote or change an existing
16	registration; and
17	WHEREAS, R.S. 18:521(B)(2) provides relative to the qualification of a voter to
18	vote on a candidate for membership on a political party committee, and includes therein a
19	requirement that the voter be affiliated with a political party for a specified period of time;
20	and

- 1 WHEREAS, certain provisions of R.S. 18:521(B)(2) addressing the period of time
- 2 a voter must be affiliated with a political party conflict with the provisions of R.S. 18:135(A)
- 3 providing for the close of registration records for the election.
- 4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby suspends
- 5 the provisions of R.S. 18:521(B)(2) relative to the eligibility of a voter who is affiliated with
- 6 a political party to vote on candidates for party office.
- 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this suspension shall become effective upon
- 8 adoption of this Resolution and shall extend through the sixtieth day after final adjournment
- 9 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

DIGEST

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Suspends until the 60th day after adjournment of the 2021 R.S. the provisions of <u>present law</u> (R.S. 18:521(B)(2)) providing that the qualification of a voter to vote on a candidate for membership on a political party committee shall be subject to all of the following provisions:

- (1) A change of party affiliation in his registration shall not permit the registrant to vote for any candidate for membership on a committee of the political party to which he has thus affiliated within 30 days after the date on which the registrar notes the change on the original application form. During this same period he may not vote for any candidate for membership on a party committee for the political party which he has renounced and abandoned, and the registrar shall so inform him.
- (2) A designation of party affiliation by a registrant previously not affiliated with a party renders the registrant eligible to vote in the election next following the designation which is at least 30 days after the date on which the registrar notes the party affiliation on the original application form.
- (3) A designation of no party affiliation by a registrant previously affiliated with a party shall be effective for elections held at least 30 days after the date on which the registrar notes the no-party affiliation on the original application form. During this same period he may not vote for any candidate for membership on a party committee for the political party which he has renounced and abandoned, and the registrar shall so inform him.

(Suspends R.S. 18:521(B)(2))