AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:173, relative to voter registration rolls; to provide relative to removal of deceased persons from such rolls; to provide relative to Department of State and registrar of voter responsibilities; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:173 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§173. Deaths

A. Upon receipt of a certified copy of a death certificate, the registrar of voters shall remove from the voter registration rolls the name of the deceased.

B. By the tenth day of each month, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health shall send to the Department of State a report, certified as correct over his signature or the signature of his authorized representative, containing the name, address, date of birth, sex, social security number, place of birth, mother's maiden name, and alias name, as such information exists in the database of the Louisiana Department of Health, of any person sixteen years of age or older who died in each parish of the state within the preceding calendar month.
(2) The Department of State shall cancel the registration of any deceased person when the information provided by the Louisiana Department of Health corresponds exactly to the criteria for cancellation of voter registration as established in R.S. 18:108 by the secretary of state. The Department of State shall promptly notify the registrar of the parish in which the voter was registered of such cancellation.

(3) The information received from the Louisiana Department of Health regarding deceased persons whose registrations were not canceled pursuant to Paragraph (2) of this Subsection shall be sent monthly to the registrar of voters for each parish by the Department of State. Within thirty days after receipt of the report from the Department of State, the registrar of voters shall review the information received from the Louisiana Department of Health to determine if the matches of information are sufficient to cancel or challenge the registration of deceased persons.

E. D. The registrar of voters shall search obituaries for deceased persons whose registrations were not canceled. The registrar of voters may use information from an obituary notice to cancel a deceased voter's registration if the notice provides sufficient information to properly identify the voter and the registrar has confirmed the voter's death with the office of vital records.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective on June 1, 2022.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____________________

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