Existing law requires a registrar of voters to remove a deceased person’s name from the voter registration rolls upon receipt of a certified copy of a death certificate. New law requires such removal within 30 days after receipt of the death certificate.

Existing law requires the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to send a report each month to the Dept. of State regarding persons who died in the preceding month. Further requires the Dept. of State to cancel the registration of any deceased person when the information provided by LDH corresponds to criteria established by existing law.

New law requires such cancellations within 30 days after receipt of the report. New law requires the Dept. of State to forward names of persons whose registrations were not canceled to the registrars and requires the registrars to, within 30 days, cancel or challenge registrations of deceased persons if the LDH information is sufficient to do so.

Prior law authorized a registrar of voters to cancel registrations based on obituaries. New law requires the registrar to do so and requires the registrar to search obituaries.

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