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SENATE BILL NO. 155

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

VOTERS/VOTING. Provides relative to marking absentee by mail ballots. (8/1/24)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1310(C)(1), relative to marking of absentee by mail ballots;
3	to provide for witness certification requirements; and to provide for related matters.
4	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
5	Section 1. R.S. 18:1310(C)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
6	§1310. Execution of certificate; marking of ballot; casting vote; assistance
7	* * *
8	C.(1) Any person who assists a voter in voting absentee by mail shall execute
9	the acknowledgment on the certificate prepared by the secretary of state, verifying
10	that the person providing the assistance has marked the ballot in the manner dictated
11	by the voter, and the signature on the acknowledgment by the person providing
12	assistance may serve as the signature of the witness required by R.S.
13	18:1306(E)(2)(a). No person except the immediate family member of the voter,
14	as defined in this Code, shall witness more than one certificate of a voter.
15	* * *

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Matt DeVille.

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<u>Present law</u> provides that person who assists a voter in voting absentee by mail shall execute the acknowledgment on the certificate prepared by the secretary of state, verifying that the person providing the assistance has marked the ballot in the manner dictated by the voter, and the signature on the acknowledgment by the person providing assistance may serve as the signature of the witness required by <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and further provides that no person except the immediate family member of the voter shall witness more than one certificate of a voter.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 18:1310(C)(1))