

SENATE BILL NO. 80

BY SENATOR MILLER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1462.1(B) and to enact R.S. 18:1462.1(D), relative to exit
3 polling; to define exit polling; to provide for the conduct of exit polling; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:1462.1(B) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
7 18:1462.1(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1462.1. Registration of persons conducting exit polling during early voting or on
9 election day; penalties

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11 B.(1) No person shall conduct an exit poll between the hours of 6:00 a.m.
12 and 9:00 p.m. within any polling place being used in an election on election day or
13 during early voting, or within a radius of six hundred feet of the entrance to any
14 polling place being used in an election on election day or during early voting, unless
15 the person conducting the polling has filed a registration statement with the secretary
16 of state prior to the start of early voting or election day, as applicable. The
17 registration statement may be filed in person, by facsimile, or by electronic mail.

18 **(2) The exit poll shall be conducted in a nondisruptive manner.**

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20 **D.(1) "Exit poll" as used in this Section shall mean a poll of voters by a**
21 **bona fide news gathering organization as defined in R.S. 44:3.1.1 leaving a**
22 **polling place to gather basic demographic information and determine how**
23 **voters voted on candidates and propositions in an election.**

1 **(2) The term "exit poll" shall not be construed to include polls about**
2 **races, propositions, or issues not on the ballot, or dissemination of information**
3 **to voters.**

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____