

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 206

BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:5, relative to prohibiting certain changes to election procedures without legislative approval; to prohibit election officials and the state and parish boards of election supervisors from entering into certain agreements regarding election procedures; to provide for legislative approval of such actions by concurrent resolution; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:5 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§5. Change in election procedures prohibited; legislative approval

A. No state, parish, or local election official or elected official in the executive branch shall enter into any consent decree or settlement agreement regarding the alteration of any election procedure or policy without specific approval of the consent decree or settlement agreement by concurrent resolution adopted by the legislature, in addition to any other approval or authorization required by law.

B. Approval by the legislature of a consent decree or settlement agreement by concurrent resolution as provided in this Section shall be conducted in the same manner and by the same procedure established for a suspension of a law pursuant to Article III, Section 20 of the Constitution of Louisiana, except that the fixed period of suspension shall not apply.

1 C. No elected official that is listed in this Section shall enter into a consent
2 decree or settlement agreement related to a redistricting or reapportionment map of
3 the legislature or that modifies any other district map or boundary.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____