
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that an eligible incarcerated voter may vote absentee by mail the first time after applying to vote by mail.

Present law (R.S. 18:1303(G)) authorizes a person who is incarcerated in an institution inside or outside the parish in which he is qualified to vote but who is not under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony to vote absentee by mail upon certification to the appropriate registrar by the sheriff of the parish where the person is incarcerated that he is not a convicted felon.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law (R.S. 18:115) requires a registered voter who has registered by mail and has not previously voted in the parish to vote in person either at a location where early voting is conducted or at the precinct in which he is registered.

Proposed law retains present law and provides for an exception that an incarcerated voter is not required to vote in person.

(Adds R.S. 18:115(F)(2)(f))