

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 379

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARVER

ELECTION CODE: Provides relative to the qualifications of election commissioners

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:425(B)(5), relative to election commissioners; to provide
3 relative to the qualifications of election commissioners; to authorize a person who
4 is seventeen years old and who is enrolled in the eleventh grade at a high school or
5 participating at the eleventh grade level in a home study program to serve as an
6 election commissioner under certain circumstances; and to provide for related
7 matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 18:425(B)(5) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §425. Commissioners

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12 B. Qualifications and classifications.

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14 (5) A person who is at least seventeen years of age, under the age of
15 eighteen, and is not a qualified voter but is otherwise qualified to serve as a
16 commissioner pursuant to this Subsection may be selected to serve as a
17 commissioner in any precinct of the ward where he may register to vote pursuant to
18 R.S. 18:101(A), provided that the person is enrolled in the eleventh or twelfth grade
19 of any Louisiana public high school or state-approved nonpublic high school, is
20 participating at the eleventh or twelfth grade level in a home study program approved

1 by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, has received a diploma
 2 from any Louisiana public high school or state-approved nonpublic high school, has
 3 received a diploma for completion of a home study program approved by the State
 4 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, or has been issued a high school
 5 equivalency diploma after successfully completing the test of General Educational
 6 Development.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes a person who is 17 years of age and who is enrolled in the 11th grade of a high school or is participating at the 11th grade level in a home study program to serve as an election commissioner.

Present law provides for the duties and qualifications of election commissioners. Generally provides that a qualified voter who is able to perform the essential duties of a commissioner as described in the informational pamphlet developed by the secretary of state pursuant to present law and who is not a candidate in the election may be selected as a commissioner. Requires a person to attend a course of instruction and receive a certificate of instruction. Provides that certain persons are ineligible to serve as a commissioner.

Present law provides that a person who is at least 17 years of age, under the age of 18, and is not a qualified voter but is otherwise qualified to serve as a commissioner pursuant to present law may be selected to serve as a commissioner in any precinct of the ward where he may register to vote pursuant to present law, provided that the person is enrolled in the 12th grade of any La. public high school or state-approved nonpublic high school, is participating at the 12th grade level in a home study program approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, has received a diploma from any La. public high school or state-approved nonpublic high school, has received a diploma for completion of a home study program approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, or has been issued a high school equivalency diploma after successfully completing the test of General Educational Development.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally provides that a person who is at least 17 years of age, under the age of 18, and who is enrolled in the 11th grade of any La. public high school or state-approved nonpublic high school or is participating at the 11th grade level in a home study program approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education may serve as a commissioner.

(Amends R.S. 18:425(B)(5))