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Abstract: Provides that an application to vote absentee by mail made by a member of the U.S. Service who is stationed or deployed outside of the U.S. remains valid until he is no longer stationed or deployed outside of the U.S.

Present law (R.S. 18:1307(C)) provides for the application by mail to vote absentee for a member of the U.S. Service or someone who resides outside of the U.S. Provides the member of the U.S. Service or person residing outside of the U.S. may use the federal postcard application or an application electronically transmitted by the registrar or sec. of state, and the application shall be received by the registrar no later than 4:30 p.m. on the day before the election. Provides that such application shall be valid for a period extending at least one year from the date the application is received in the office of the registrar of voters; such period shall include at least one regularly scheduled federal general election. Further provides that if the registrar rejects the application of an applicant who is a member of the U.S. Service or resides outside of the U.S., the registrar shall provide the applicant with written reasons for the rejection.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that if the applicant is a member of the U.S. Service and is stationed or deployed outside of the U.S. his application, if such application meets the requirements of present law, shall be valid until the applicant is no longer stationed or deployed outside of the U.S. Further provides that if an absentee by mail ballot sent to a member of the U.S. Service who is stationed or deployed outside of the U.S. and is returned to the registrar as undeliverable, the applicant's application shall no longer be valid, and the registrar shall send notice by forwardable mail to the applicant that his application is no longer valid. Provides that the applicant shall submit a new application to the registrar that meets the requirements of present law and provide a current address before the applicant will be eligible to vote absentee by mail again pursuant to present law.

(Amends R.S. 18:1307(C))