

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to Reengrossed House Bill No. 842 by Representative Beaulieu

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, at the end of line 3 insert "401.1(H),"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 10, after "(7)," and before "1371(A)(1)" insert "1367.2(F), 1367.11(A),"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 3

6 On page 2, line 11, after "vacancy;" and before "to provide" insert "to provide for vacancies
7 in certain party primary offices;"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 4

9 On page 2, line 20, after "equipment;" and before "to provide" insert "to provide relative to
10 legal remedies related to the procurement of voting machines;"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 5

12 On page 2, line 29, after "197," and before "402(A)(1)," insert "401.1(H),"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 6

14 On page 3, line 6, after "(7)," and before "1371(A)(1)" insert "1367.2(F), 1367.11(A),"

15 AMENDMENT NO. 7

16 On page 10, between lines 20 and 21 insert the following:

17 "§401.1. Election emergency; purpose; elections emergency contingency plan
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19 H. For purposes of this Section, a vacancy in a party primary office that may
20 not be filled by appointment, designation, or in accordance with the timeframes
21 required by law shall constitute an emergency. If the vacancy may not be filled in
22 a timely manner in accordance with the election dates provided for in R.S. 18:402,
23 the governor may proclaim a state of emergency for purposes of calling a special
24 election to fill the vacancy. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 18:401.3,
25 following the issuance of the emergency proclamation, the authority required by law
26 to call a special election to fill the vacancy in office shall, in consultation with and
27 with the certification of the secretary of state, issue a proclamation ordering a special
28 election. The proclamation ordering the special election shall include the dates for
29 qualifying, early voting, ~~the at least one party~~ primary election, **and** the general
30 election, ~~and at least one party primary election~~ and make all provisions necessary
31 to conduct an election in a timely manner notwithstanding the dates, timing, and
32 delays otherwise provided by this Code.

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34 AMENDMENT NO. 8

35 On page 31, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

36 "§1367.2. Authority to resolve protested solicitations and awards
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~~F. Stay of procurements during protests. In the event of a timely protest under Subsection A of this Section, the state shall not proceed further with the solicitation or with the awarding of the contract unless the chief procurement officer makes a written determination that the awarding of the contract is necessary without delay to protect the substantial interests of the state. Upon such determination by the chief procurement officer, no court shall enjoin progress under the award except after notice and hearing.~~ **Protest bond to stay procurement during protest. (1) A protestant who timely protests a solicitation or an award may apply for a stay only during the time period provided in Subsection A of this Section to protest a solicitation or an award.**

(2) The protest bond and stay application shall be conducted in the manner provided in R.S. 39:1671(F)(2) and (3).

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§1367.11. ~~Trial;~~ Hearing; decision; appeal

A. Actions objecting to the solicitation or award of a contract pursuant to this Subpart shall be ~~tried~~ **heard** summarily **on the administrative record**, without a jury, and in open court. The ~~trial~~ **hearing, which shall be confined to the administrative record**, shall begin no later than fourteen days after suit is filed.

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