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DIGEST

SB 319 Reengrossed

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Pressly

Present law provides instruction for a commissioner to offer any voter that does not have picture identification an affidavit to sign.

Proposed law removes the affidavit option and provides new identification requirements.

Present law provides the information for a clerk to provide the course of instruction to the commissioners during the week prior to an election. This information includes that the commissioners are to offer any voter who does not have picture identification an affidavit to sign to that effect.

Proposed law retains present law but removes language related to affidavits and provides alternative identification options.

Present law provides a list of what qualifies for identification in order to be eligible to vote.

Proposed law retains present law but adds additional methods that qualify as identification in order to be eligible to vote.

Present law provides the procedure to fill out an affidavit for an applicant that does not have one of the forms of identification allowed by law.

Proposed law removes the affidavit process and provides a new procedure for an applicant that does not have one of the forms of identification allowed by law.

Present law provides procedures for commissioners after termination of voting which includes all voter identification affidavits in the "Registrar of Voters" envelope.

Proposed law removes the voter identification affidavits from the documents that are required to go in the "Registrar of Voters" envelope.

Present law provides the information required as evidence of election results.

Proposed law retains present law but removes voter identification affidavits from the information required as evidence.

Present law provides early voting verification requirements which include what may be submitted to establish the voter's identity.

Proposed law removes the requirement of an identification that is an other generally recognized picture identification card that contains the name and signature of the voter.

Proposed law adds additional methods that may be used to establish the voter's identity.

Present law provides a process for a voter that does not have one of the forms of identification provided in order to prove their identity which includes an affidavit.

Proposed law provides instructions to the Parish Board of Election Supervisors on the handling of conditional paper ballots if an applicant has presented proper voting identification.

Proposed law provides a directive to the secretary of state to adopt guidance pursuant to present law to implement this law.

Proposed law removes the affidavit from the process to prove identity but replaces it with additional documents that will be accepted.

Effective July 1, 2027.

(Amends R.S. 18:431(A)(1)(b)(iii) and (B)(1), 433(A)(3), 562(A)(2), 571(A)(8), 573(E), and 1309(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Technical.
2. Changes "certificate" to "notice".
3. Provides methods for an applicant to be able to vote if they do not have the forms of identification required in the proposed legislation.
4. Provides requirements for a Parish Board of Election Supervisors on how to handle provisional ballots if an applicant has or has not presented identification in accordance with the proposed legislation.
5. Directs the secretary of state to promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to effectuate the provisions of this Section.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Technical.

2. Adds other documents that may be used to verify the identity of a voter to include a birth registration card, certificate of birth abroad issued by the US Department of State, a certificate of naturalization, and a certificate of citizenship.
3. Adds other documents that may be used to verify the identity of a voter for early voting to include a birth registration card, certificate of birth abroad issued by the US Department of State, a certificate of naturalization, and a certificate of citizenship.
4. Removes the requirement to promulgate rules pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and adds requirement to adopt guidance pursuant to the secretary of states present law authority.
5. Changes effective date from February 1, 2027 to July 1, 2027.