

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 163 (HB 547)

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Existing law (R.S. 18:1461.3(C)) provides for election offenses affecting election officials, or watchers and further provides for penalties. Provides that no person shall knowingly, willfully, or intentionally:

- (1) Being a registrar, deputy registrar, commissioner-in-charge or commissioner fail to identify an applicant to vote as required by existing law.
- (2) Sign another voter's name in the precinct register.
- (3) Attempt to influence an election official or watcher in the performance of his duties on election day.
- (4) Disobey any lawful instruction of a registrar, deputy registrar, commissioner-in-charge or commissioner or a law enforcement officer providing assistance to maintain order at a polling place.

New law provides that no person shall knowingly, willfully, or intentionally photograph, record, or otherwise reproduce voter registration information in precinct registers.

New law does not apply to a person who is performing his duties as a clerk of court or an employee of a clerk, an election day or early voting commissioner, a registrar of voters or an employee of a registrar, or the secretary of state or an employee of the secretary of state.

Existing law provides that whoever violates existing law shall be fined not more than \$500 or be imprisoned in the parish jail not more than six months, or both.

New law applies existing law penalties to new law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 18:1461.3(C)(5))