

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law (R.S. 18:1307(C)) provides for application by mail to vote absentee by mail by a member of the U.S. Service or someone who resides outside of the U.S. Provides that 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 secretary 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 certain period of time from the date the application is received in the office of the registrar of voters and that 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.

Prior law provided that the application to vote absentee by mail made by a member of the U.S. Service or person who resides outside the U.S. remained valid for one year. New law provides that the application remains valid for two years instead of one year.

Effective July 1, 2027.

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