The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tabitha I. Gray.

## **DIGEST**

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the secretary of state, upon a gubernatorial declaration of emergency and if the emergency will impair a scheduled election, to develop emergency election procedures including establishing a toll-free telephone line, validating absentee voting by mail, and using all operating polling places. <u>Proposed law</u> requires the secretary of state to take all necessary steps to implement the plan following compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 18:401.3)