

First Extraordinary Session, 2005

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18

BY SENATOR SHEPHERD

SECRETARY OF STATE. Directs the secretary of state to establish a toll-free telephone line for displaced citizens to advise them of voting locations and to advertise nationally seeking displaced Louisiana voters.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the secretary of state to establish a toll-free telephone line and advertise nationally for displaced Louisiana citizens to receive information related to the election process, including but not limited to, locating their voting place.

WHEREAS, due to the effects of the gubernatorially declared disasters of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, many citizens of Louisiana from the southwest and southeast areas of Louisiana are scattered throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Louisiana may not be aware of their voting rights or the voting process, including where and how to vote; and

WHEREAS, a program of advertising nationally would assist the state of Louisiana in informing all of its displaced citizens of a toll-free telephone line that would inform Louisiana citizens in exercising their voting rights as citizens of Louisiana by being informed of the election process and locations of voting polls; and

WHEREAS, establishing a toll-free telephone line and advertising nationally would allow all Louisiana citizens to receive continuous information regarding their rights.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby direct the secretary of state to establish a toll-free telephone line for displaced Louisiana citizens to be advised of their rights as well as voting poll locations.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
2 secretary of state.

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

DIGEST

Directs the secretary of state to establish a toll-free telephone line and to advertise nationally to allow displaced Louisiana citizens to receive information related to the election process, including but not limited to, locating their polling place.