

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to  
Original Senate Bill No. 6 by Senator Jones

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "(d)" insert "and 425(A)(4)" and after "relative to the" insert  
"conduct of elections during or following a gubernatorially declared state of emergency; to  
provide relative to the"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "emergencies;" insert "to require an affidavit attesting to the voter's  
eligibility; to provide for the effectiveness of such provisions; to provide relative to a  
parishwide shortage of commissioners due to an emergency; to authorize commissioners  
from other parishes to serve in the affected parish; to provide relative to selection, training,  
and certain expenses of such commissioners;" and on page 1, line 7, after "(d)" delete "is"  
and insert "and 425(A)(4) are"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 14 through 17 and insert the following:

**"(d)(i) The Legislature of Louisiana recognizes that due to a recent common  
disaster and state of emergency in our state, an unprecedented number of  
persons have been temporarily displaced from their parishes of residence for  
an indefinite period of time. Because the right to vote is a right that is essential  
to the effective operation of a democratic government, the legislature finds that  
the state has a compelling interest in securing the right to vote for any person  
temporarily displaced by a disaster or emergency who may experience greater  
difficulty exercising his right due to his displaced status. The legislature,  
therefore, enacts this Subparagraph, which shall apply to any person  
temporarily displaced from his parish of residence by a gubernatorially  
declared state of emergency, who registered to vote on or before September 24,  
2005, when he submits with the application to vote by mail an affidavit attesting  
that he is temporarily displaced from his parish of residence, that he is eligible  
to vote in his parish of residence, and that he expects to be out of his parish of  
registration during early voting and on election day. The provisions of this  
Subparagraph shall be effective for a period of one year following the effective  
date of this Item.**

**(ii) Upon expiration of Item (i) of this Subparagraph, any voter who has voted  
absentee by mail pursuant to this Subparagraph who has not voted during early  
voting or at the polls on election day shall not be considered to have previously  
voted in the parish in which he is registered for purposes of Paragraph (1) of  
this Subsection and shall be subject to the requirements of that Paragraph.**

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§425. Commissioners

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**(4)(a) For an election held within one year following the date of the issuance  
of any gubernatorial proclamation declaring a state of emergency, if a parish  
board of election supervisors determines that there is a parishwide shortage  
of commissioners because a significant number of commissioners have been**

temporarily displaced due to such emergency, the board may submit a written request to the secretary of state, on or before the twenty-third day prior to an election, for additional commissioners from other parishes. The written request shall include the number of additional commissioners requested and an explanation of the need for additional commissioners. If the secretary of state determines that there is a need for additional commissioners and that the allocation of additional commissioners is feasible, the secretary of state shall approve the request and notify the parish board of election supervisors of the affected parish. The board of the affected parish shall request the parish boards of election supervisors to submit lists of available commissioners by the fifteenth day prior to the election. The board of the affected parish shall select commissioners to serve in the affected parish from such lists based on availability, proximity and, to the extent possible, the requirements for representation based on recognized political party affiliation as provided for in R.S. 18:434(B)(7). The clerk of court of the affected parish shall ensure that the selected commissioners have received adequate training on the voting machines that are used in the affected parish and on any procedures necessary for the conduct of the election. The selected commissioners, upon approval of the secretary of state, shall be entitled to appropriate reimbursement for travel expenses.

(b)The same authority and procedure provided in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall apply to absentee commissioners under the same circumstances.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval."