

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18

BY SENATOR SHEPHERD

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the secretary of state to establish a toll-free telephone line for displaced Louisiana citizens to receive information related to the election process, including but not limited to voting rights and polling place locations and to implement a national public service advertising campaign, pro bono if possible, to create public awareness of the toll-free telephone line.

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, the implementation of a national public service advertising campaign, which should be pro bono if possible, 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 polling places; and

WHEREAS, establishing a toll-free telephone line and creating public awareness of such toll-free telephone line would allow all Louisiana citizens to receive continuous information regarding their rights.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the secretary of state to establish a toll-free telephone line for displaced Louisiana citizens to be advised of the election process, including voting rights and polling place locations and to implement a national public service advertising campaign, pro bono if possible, to create public awareness of the toll-free telephone line.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES