
DIGEST

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HB No. 296

Abstract: Provides for an automatic recount in elections when the number of absentee by mail and early voting ballots could make a difference in the outcome of the election.

Present law (R.S. 18:1313) provides relative to the tabulation and counting of absentee by mail and early voting ballots. Provides that if the number of absentee by mail and early voting ballots cast for all candidates for an office could make a difference in the outcome of the election for such office, the parish board of election supervisors shall recount the absentee by mail ballots. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the recount only takes place if requested by a candidate for such office. Requires the request to be filed with the clerk. Provides deadlines. Provides that the candidate requesting the recount shall be responsible for all reasonable costs associated with such recount which shall be payable to the clerk of court. Provides for the method of payment. Proposed law repeals present law. Applies proposed law to proposition elections in addition to candidate elections.

(Amends R.S. 18:1313(J)(2)(a) and (b); Repeals R.S. 18:1313(J)(2)(d))