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Abstract: Repeals provisions of law that allow a person to vote without presenting certain forms of identification if the person executes an affidavit containing certain information.

Present law (R.S. 18:562 and 1309) provides procedures and requirements for voting at polling places during early voting and on election day. Requires a person to establish his identity prior to voting. For this purpose, requires the person to present a La. driver's license, a La. special identification card issued pursuant to present law (R.S. 40:1321), or other generally recognized picture identification card that contains the name and signature of the person.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that a person may vote if he does not have the specified picture identification if he completes and signs an affidavit, which is supplied by the secretary of state, to that effect before the election officials, which affidavit shall include the person's date of birth and mother's maiden name. Provides that the person may receive assistance in completing the affidavit if he is unable to read or write or is otherwise unable to complete the affidavit due to disability. Provides that a person who is allowed to vote without the specified picture identification is subject to challenge as provided in present law (R.S. 18:565 and 1315).

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law (R.S. 18:431 and 433) provides relative to the training of commissioners, commissioners-in-charge, and alternate commissioners. Requires the clerk of court to conduct courses of instruction. Provides for minimum standards.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the clerk of court to instruct commissioners, commissioners-in-charge, and alternate commissioners that it is their duty to offer any voter who does not have picture identification as provided in present law (R.S. 18:562) an affidavit to sign to that effect.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 18:431(A)(1)(b) and (B)(1), 433(A)(3), 562(A)(2), and 1309(D)(1))