

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 210 (SB 75)

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Prior law regarding absentee election ballots, provided that an absentee by mail ballot envelop flap shall contain a line for the handwritten signature of one witness and a line for the printed name of the witness. Provided that the voter shall sign the certificate in the presence of one witness and his certificate shall be made under penalty of perjury for providing false or fraudulent information.

New law retains prior law and prohibits any person other than an immediate family member of the voter to witness more than one certificate of a voter.

Prior law provided that a person qualified to vote absentee by mail as provided by prior law may apply to the registrar by letter stating:

- (1) The election or elections for which he requests an absentee ballot.
- (2) The reason for his request to vote absentee by mail and attaching any supporting documentation.
- (3) The address to which the absentee ballot or ballots shall be sent.
- (4) The ward and precinct in which the person is qualified to vote, if known.
- (5) The date of birth of the voter.
- (6) The maiden name of the voter's mother or other identifying information provided in the voter's application for registration.
- (7) The street address in the parish where the voter resides.
- (8) If the person requests that a ballot for a general election be sent in addition to a ballot for the primary, he shall declare in writing to the registrar that he will be eligible to vote absentee by mail in the general election.

New law provides that the absentee by mail ballots will not be sent to the following addresses:

- (1) The address of a political party.
- (2) The residential, business, or campaign address of a candidate, unless the address is for the candidate's ballot or a ballot of an immediate family member of the candidate.
- (3) A business address, unless the business address is the mailing address on file with the registrar of voters or an address at which the person regularly receives mail.
- (4) The address of a political organization as defined in 26 U.S.C. 527.
- (5) The address of an organization which has tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) or (c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, unless the organization address is the mailing address on file with the registrar of voters or an address at which the person regularly receives mail.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 11, 2020).

(Amends R.S. 18:1306(E)(2)(a) and 1307(A))