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2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 214

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BY REPRESENTATIVE CORMIER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS: Provides relative to required orientation and training of new registrars of voters

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 18:54, relative to registrars of voters; to provide for training of
3	new registrars of voters; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related
4	matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 18:54 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
7	§54. Qualification; date; duplicate oath; bond; approval of bond; orientation and
8	training
9	A. Within thirty days after the date of his commission, each registrar shall
10	qualify for office by subscribing to the oath of office prescribed by the constitution.
11	The oath shall be filed with the clerk of court, and a duplicate original or a certified
12	copy thereof shall be filed with the secretary of state. In a parish containing a
13	municipality with a population of three hundred thousand or more, the oath shall be
14	filed with the clerk of the civil district court. Each registrar also shall file with the
15	secretary of state a bond, in favor of the governor and with security, for the faithful
16	performance of the duties required of him and for the payment of such damages as
17	may be sustained by his failure to discharge his duties. The sureties on the bond
18	shall be with a company authorized to do business in Louisiana, and in each parish
19	the bond shall be in the amount of five thousand dollars.

CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

B. Each registrar appointed on or after January 1, 2022, shall complete

orientation and training prepared by the secretary of state in conjunction with the

Registrar of Voters Association and approved by the attorney general. Such

orientation and training shall be conducted by the secretary of state.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2022.

DIGEST

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<u>Proposed law</u> requires a registrar of voters appointed after 2021 to complete orientation and training that is prepared by the secretary of state and the Registrar of Voters Assoc., approved by the attorney general, and conducted by the secretary of state.

Effective January 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 18:54)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs</u> to the <u>original bill</u>:

1. Add requirement for the involvement of the Registrar of Voters Assoc. in the development of the training.