2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 135

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON, BAGLEY, BUTLER, CREWS, DESHOTEL, EDMONDS, FIRMENT, HORTON, LAFLEUR, MCFARLAND, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, SEABAUGH, STAGNI, THOMPSON, AND WHITE

1 AN ACT To amend and reenact R.S. 18:427(A) and to enact R.S. 18:424(B)(6), 425(B)(3)(d), and 2 3 426(A)(2)(c), relative to election officials; to provide for commissioners-in-charge, 4 commissioners, alternate commissioners, and watchers; to provide for qualifications; 5 to prohibit registered sex offenders and child predators from serving in certain 6 positions; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters. 7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 8 Section 1. R.S. 18:427(A) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:424(B)(6), 9 425(B)(3)(d), and 426(A)(2)(c) are hereby enacted to read as follows: 10 §424. Commissioners-in-charge 11 12 B. Qualifications. A commissioner-in-charge shall possess the following 13 qualifications: 14 15 (6) No person who is required to register as a sex offender or child predator 16 pursuant to R.S. 15:542 may serve as a commissioner-in-charge. 17 18 §425. Commissioners 19 20 B. Qualifications and classifications. 21 22 (3) 23

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(d) No person who is required to register as a sex offender or child predator pursuant to R.S. 15:542 may serve as a commissioner.

§426. Alternate commissioners; qualifications, powers, and duties; oath and compensation

6 A. Qualifications.

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(c) No person who is required to register as a sex offender or child predator
 pursuant to R.S. 15:542 may be selected as an alternate commissioner.

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13 §427. Watchers

A. Qualifications. (1) A qualified voter of the state of Louisiana who is not a candidate in the election may serve as a watcher; however, a watcher who is not a resident of the parish where he serves may not serve as a commissioner.

(2) No person who is required to register as a sex offender or child predator pursuant to R.S. 15:542 may serve as a watcher.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

SPE	AKER	OF	THE	HOU	SE OF	REP	PRESEN	NTATI	VES
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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: