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<u>Present law</u> provides that before any voter is allowed to vote during early voting the registrar or his deputy must establish the voter's identity by requiring him to submit either a Louisiana driver's license, special identification card, generally recognized picture information card that contains the name and signature of the voter, or a United States military identification card that contains the voter's name and picture.

<u>Present law</u> further provides that if the voter does not have one of the forms of identification otherwise required by <u>present law</u> to verify his identity that the voter must sign and complete an affidavit that includes his date of birth and mother's maiden name.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> as to the required voter information and requires a voter deemed to be ineligible to vote due to a deficiency in the affidavit be provided with a written explanation by the registrar of voters or his deputy.

<u>Proposed law</u> further provides that a copy of the written explanation be provided to the secretary of state and requires the secretary to maintain records of all rejected affidavits and to include information detailing the number of rejected affidavits per parish and the reasons for their rejection in the post-election statistical data published to the secretary's website.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the secretary of state shall promulgate and adopt rules as necessary to effectuate uniform and standardized processes for the review and curing or rejection of deficient absentee by mail ballots by the parish board of election of supervisors.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and further requires the secretary to maintain records of all ballots rejected pursuant to <u>present law</u> and include information detailing the total number of ballots rejected per parish and the reasons for their rejection in the post-election statistical data published to the secretary's website.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 18:1309(D)(1)(d) and 1317; adds R.S. 18:1309(D)(1)(e) and (f))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

SB 384 Engrossed

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Make technical changes.

- 2. Provide for an effective date.
- 3. Require a registrar of voters or his deputy to issue a written explanation for the rejection of an early voting affidavit due to a deficiency.
- 4. Require the secretary of state to maintain records of all rejected early voting affidavits and include a breakdown of the affidavits rejected by parish and reasons for their rejection in the post-election statistical data published on the secretary of state's website.